From a letter to Annita Rodote on July 25, 1915 on how to attend Mass:

"The Divine Master calls the church the house of prayer.

In order to avoid irreverence and imperfections I exhort you in the Lord to:

Enter the church in silence and with great respect.

Take the holy water and make the sign of the cross carefully and slowly.

Before God in the Blessed Sacrament genuflect devoutly.

At your pace, kneel down and render to Jesus the tribute of you presence.

Confide to him all your needs, and those of others.

Speak to him with filial abandonment.

Be very composed whe standing up, kneeling down, and sitting.

Carry out every religious act with the greatest devotion.

Be modest in your glance.

Don't turn you head here and there to see who enters and leavs.

Don't laugh.

Don't speak to anybody, except when requeste for charity or other strict necessity.

Say the words distinctly, observe the pauses, and never hurry.

Behave in such a way that all the presents are edified by you.

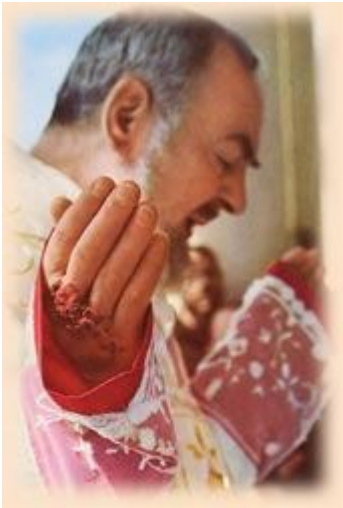
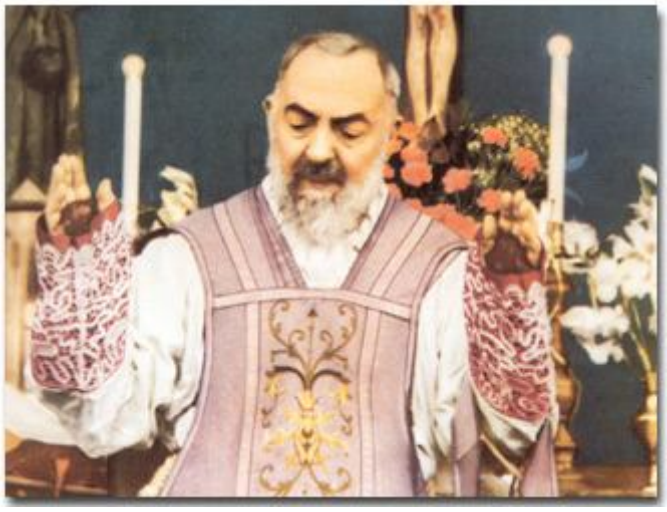
Don't leave without asking Jesus for his blessing, and forgiveness for your shortcomings.

Leave the church recollected and calm."

The Mass with Padre Pio

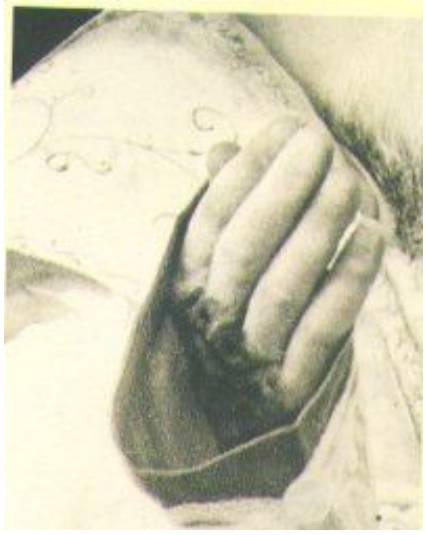
from the written correspondence between Padre Pio and Cleonice Morcaldi
in the 1920's:

"My Mass is a sacred accomplishment of the Passion of Jesus."

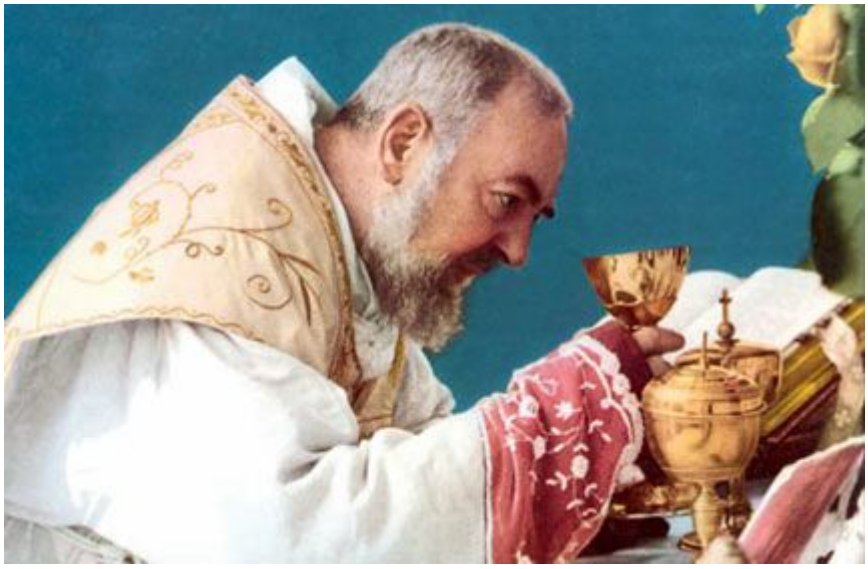



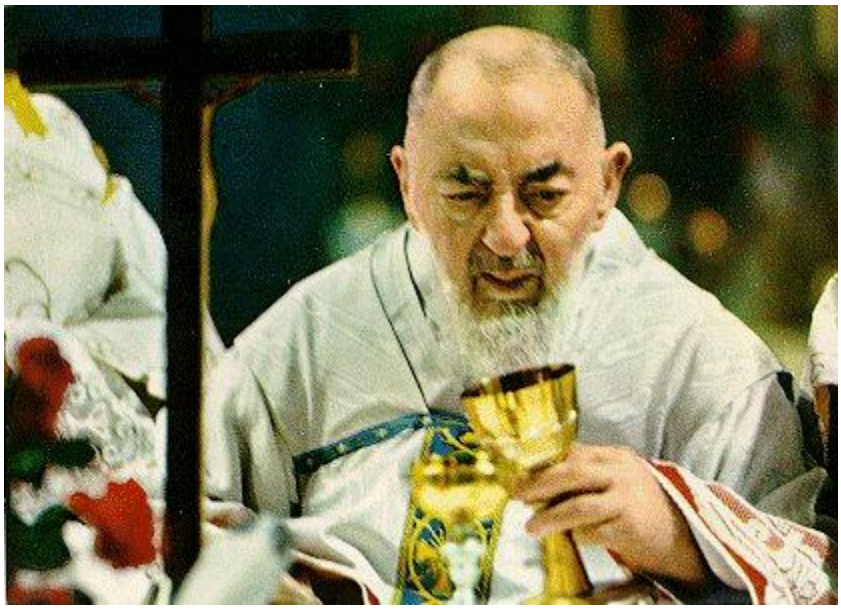
"In knowing the Passion of Jesus, you will also know my Passion."

"The Mass is the complete union between Jesus and me."

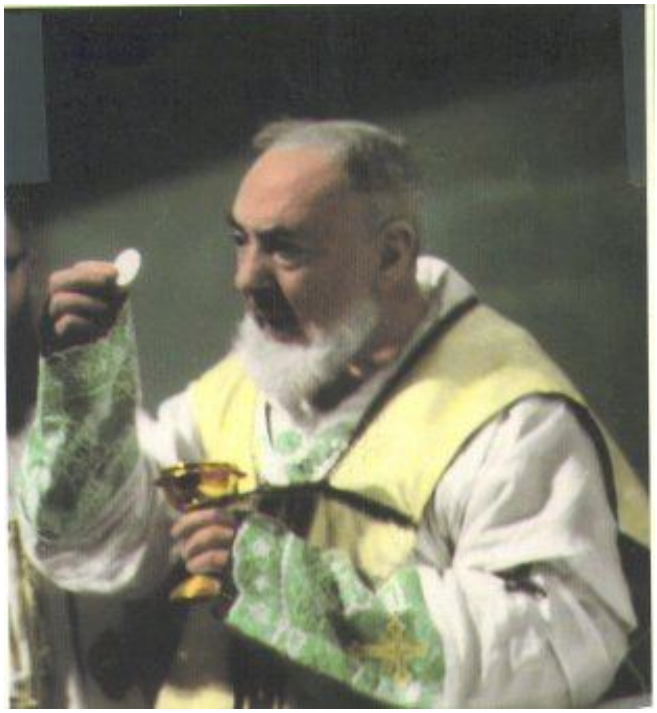


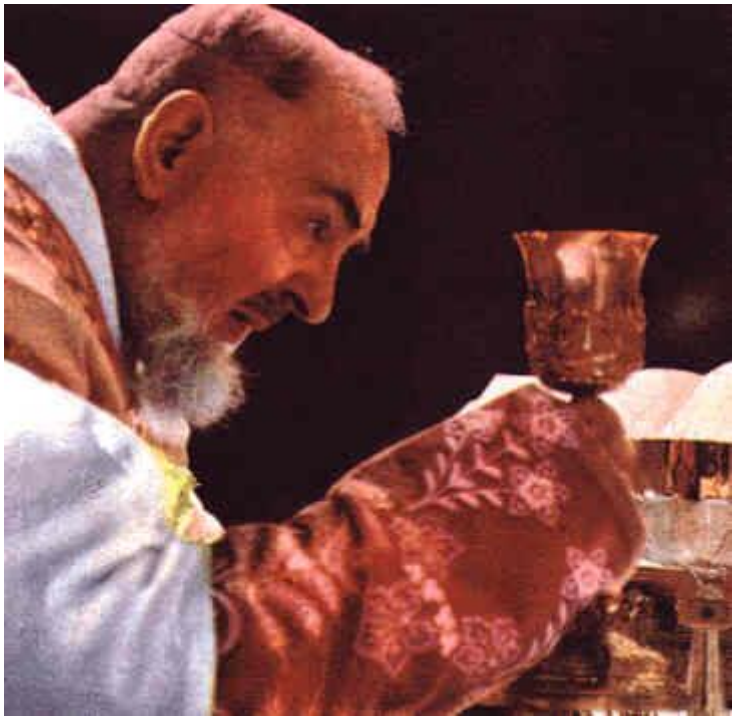
"All of Paradise is close to the altar when I say Mass."



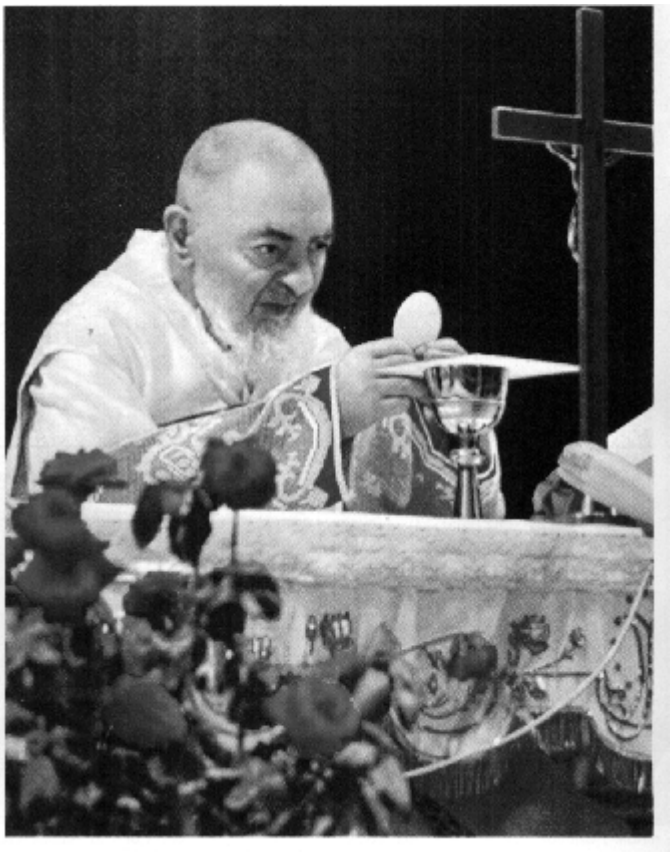


"The angels attend my Mass In legions."

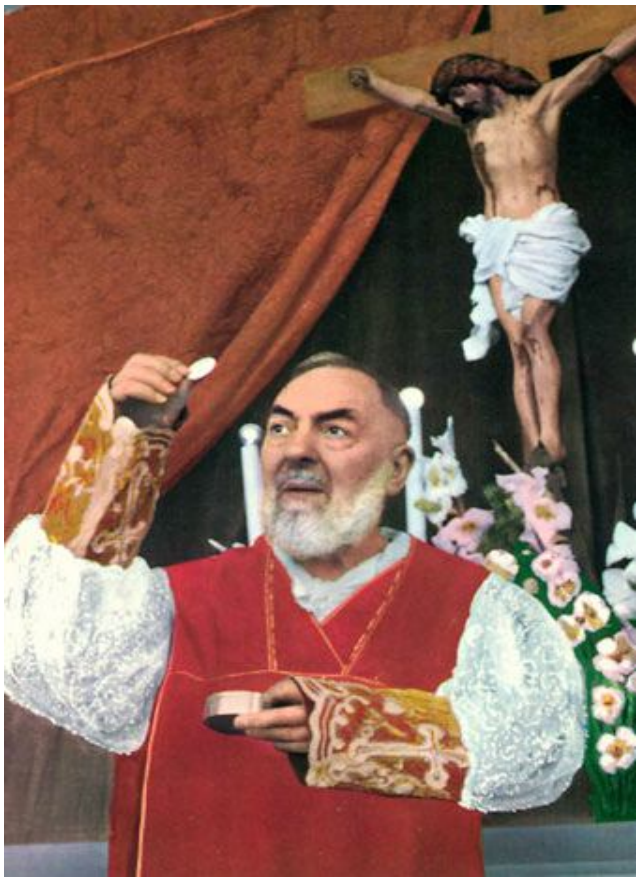




"The Holy Virgin assists me."

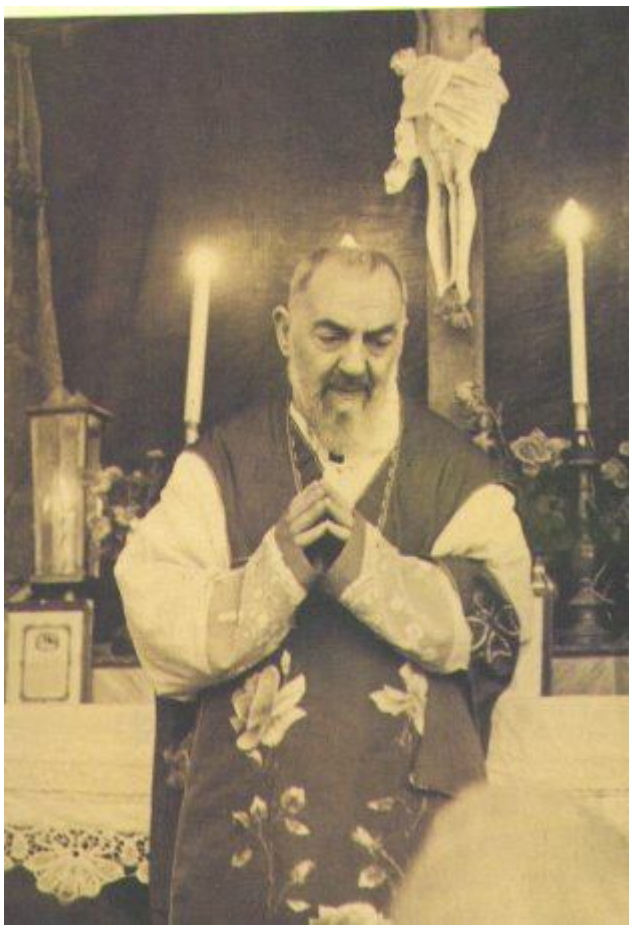


"I want to expiate the sins of all, like jesus did on the cross. '

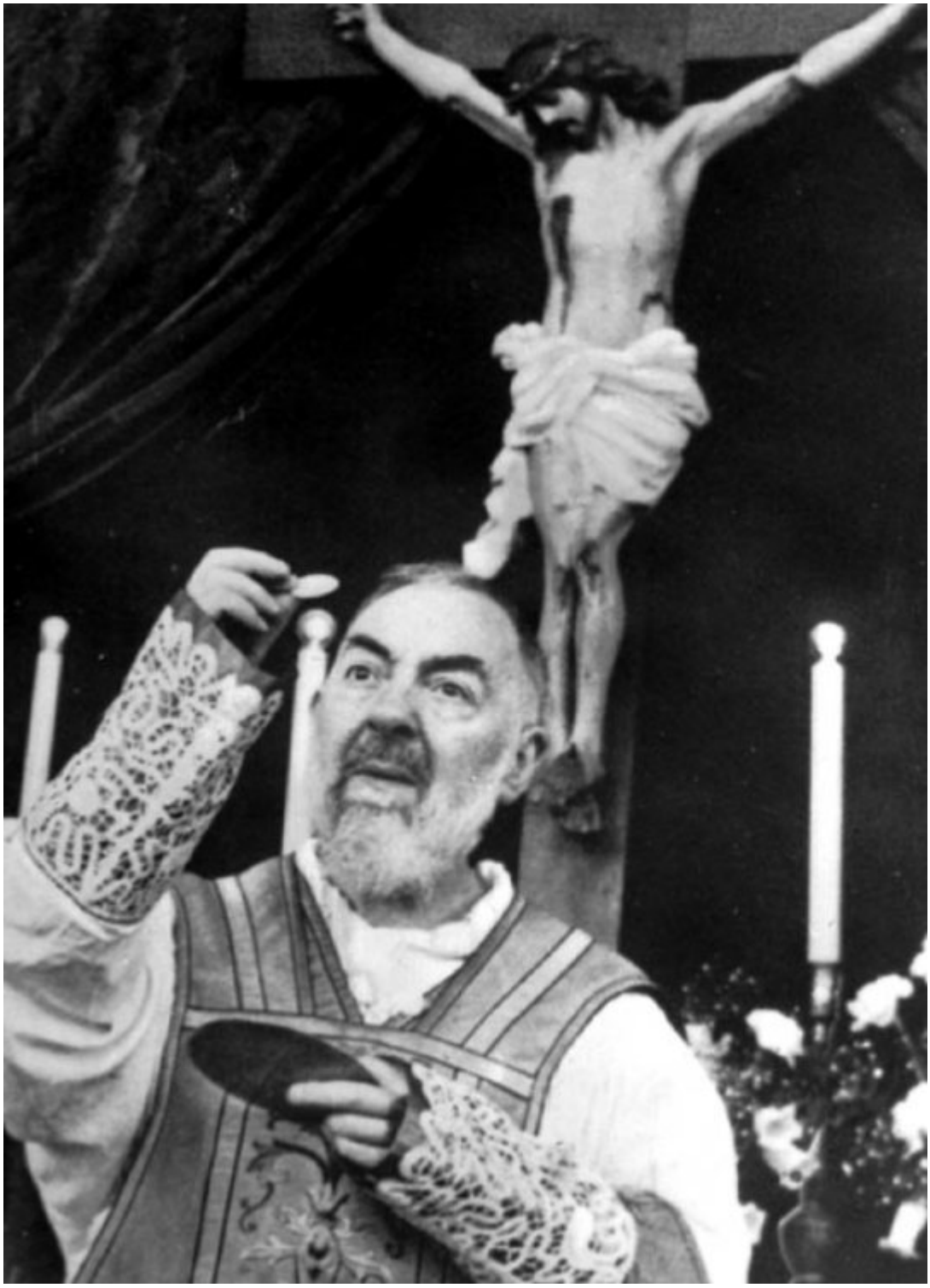


"I suffer all what Jesus suffered, from the Garden to the Cross."

"I inadequately suffer to the extent a human creature can possibly suffer."



The sufferings are so acute that they can neither be described nor imagined.

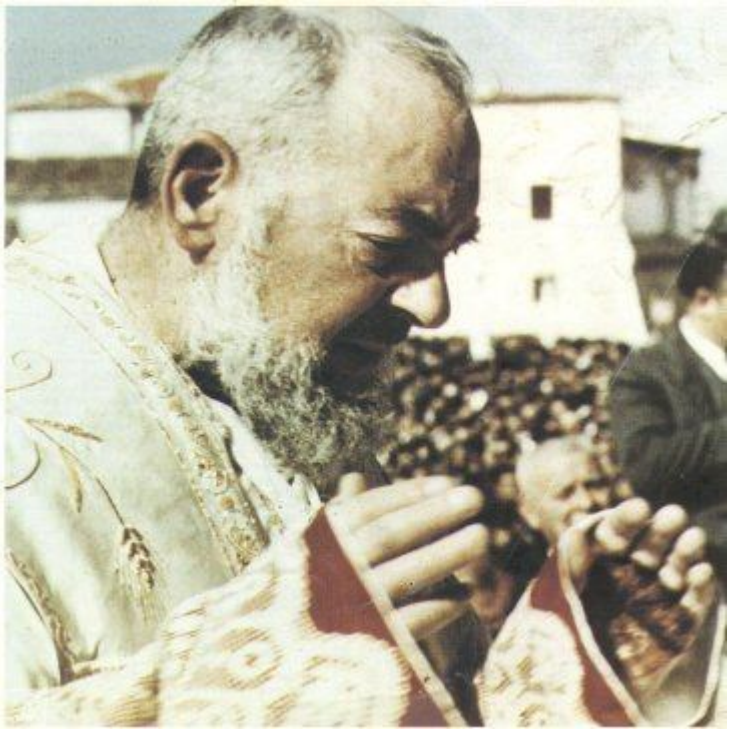


I suffer the agony of death like Jesus in the Garden Getsemani.

The offertory is the moment when the soul becomes detached from all that is profane.

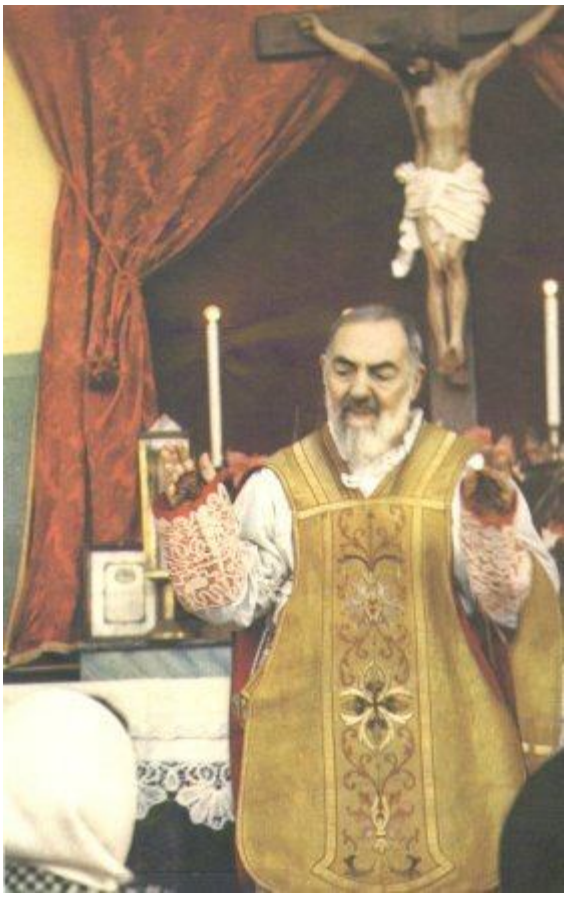
I suffer the crowning of thorns during the Holy Mass and also before and after it.

Without the crown of thorns the immolation would not be complete.



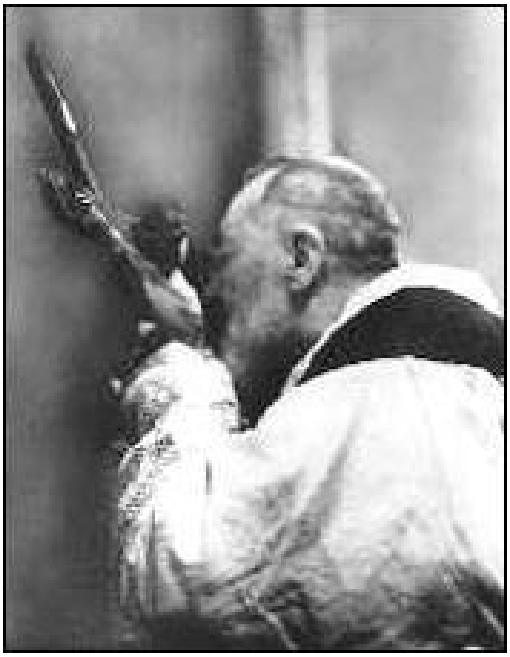
The thorns are around the whole head.

The crown of thorns is never taken away.

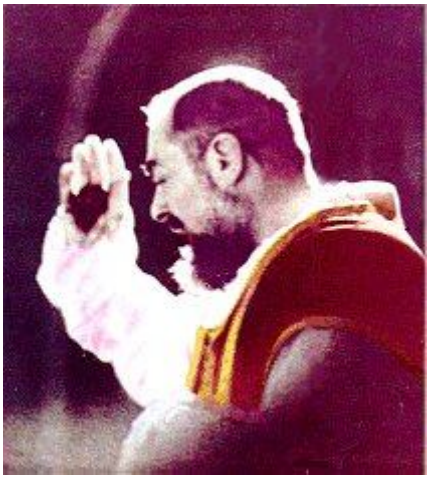


"The head and the heart are the wound that hurt the most."

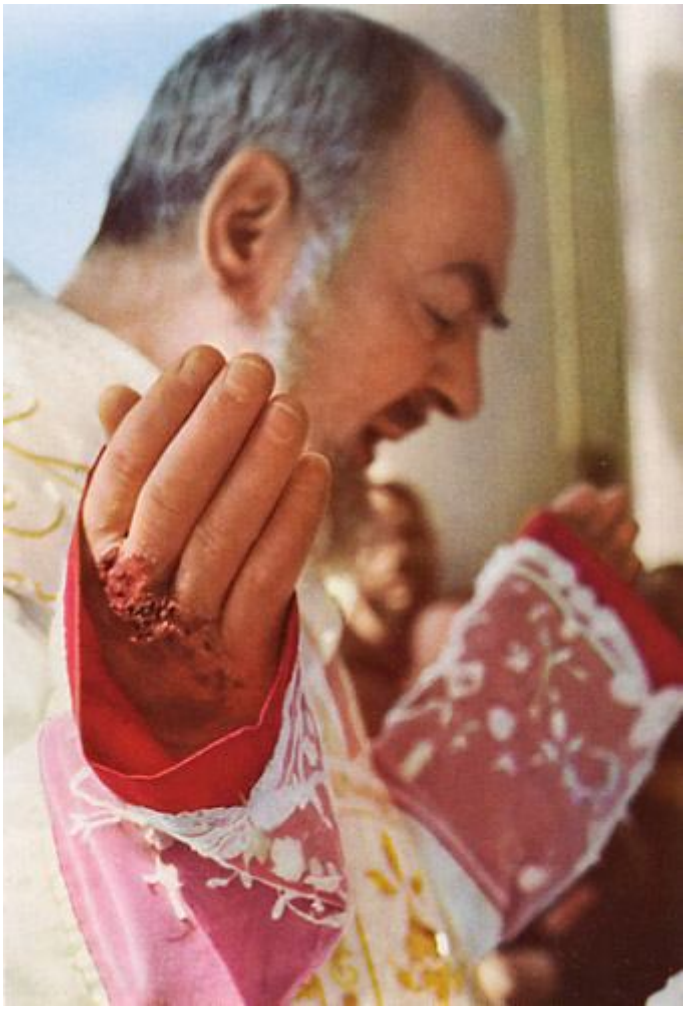
"I suffer the scourging from the beginning to the end of the Mass, but more intensely after the Consecration."



Help me carry the cross. I carry it for all.



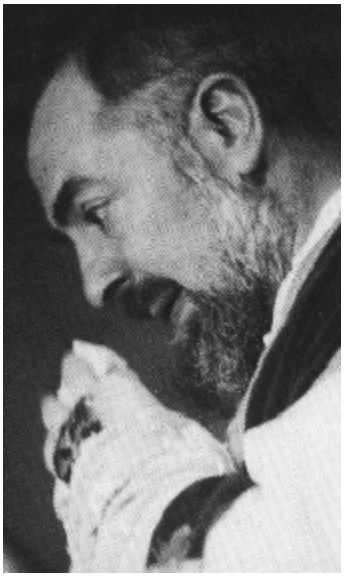
I suffer the bitterness of gall very often during the Mass.



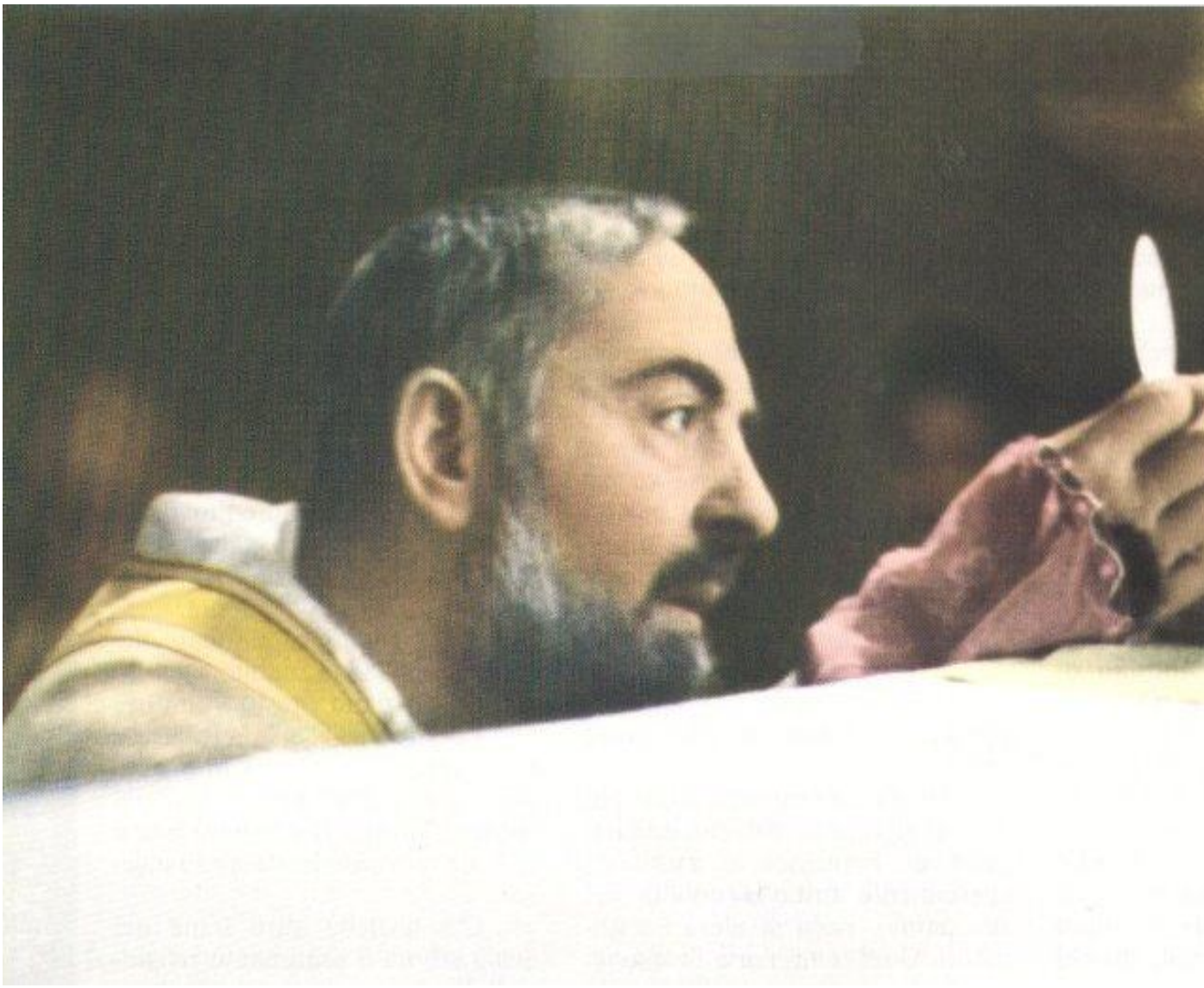
I also speak the "seven words" that Jesus stated on the Cross.

During the Way of the Cross I am Jesus Himself.

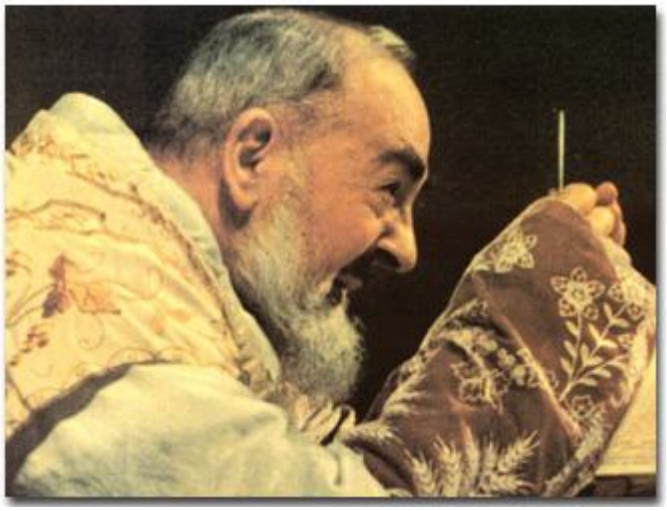
Jesus himself helps me like Simon of Cyrene and Veronica



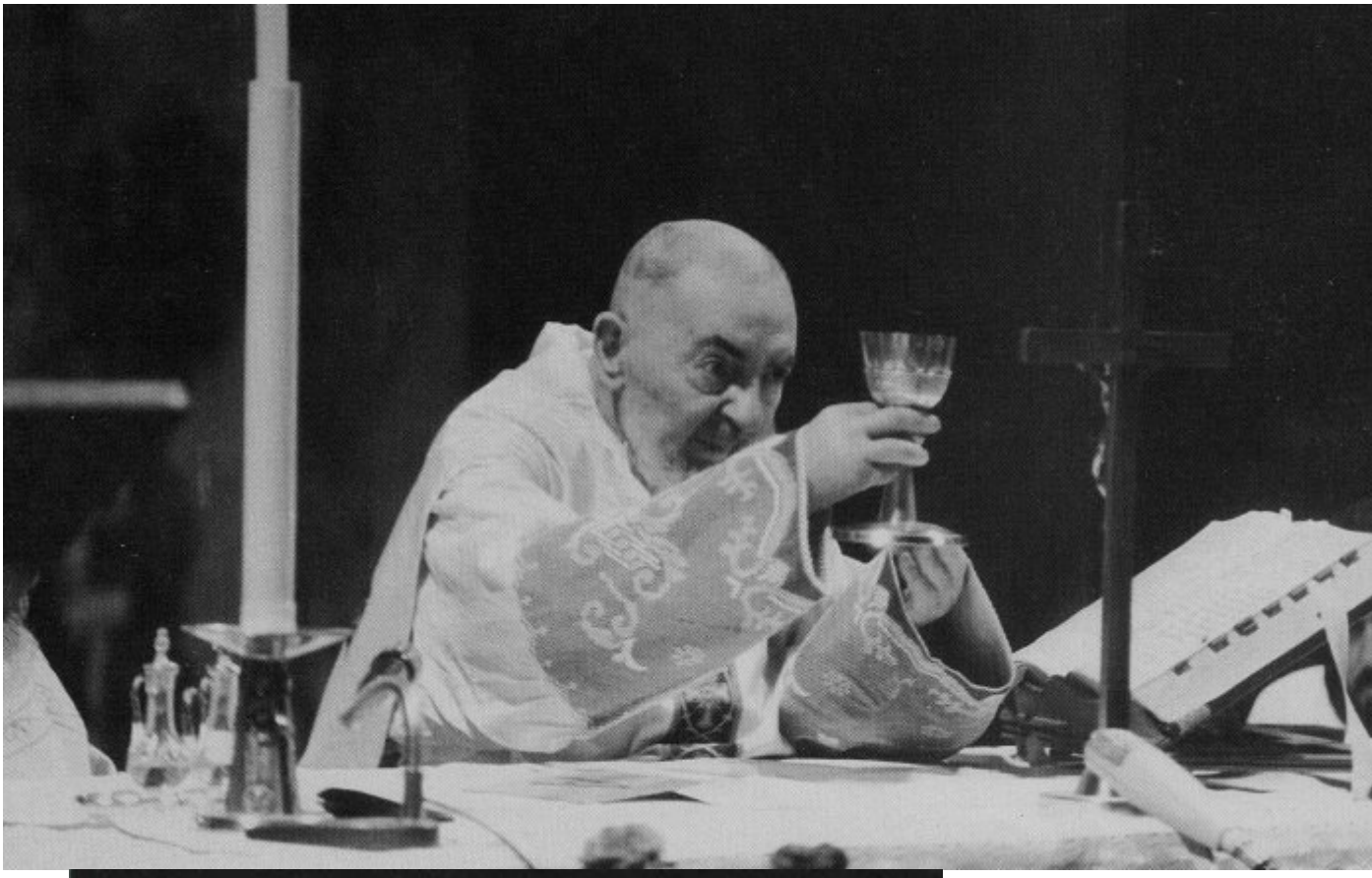
At the Calvary, there where screams, blasphemies, loud clamor, and threats... that was really an uproar.

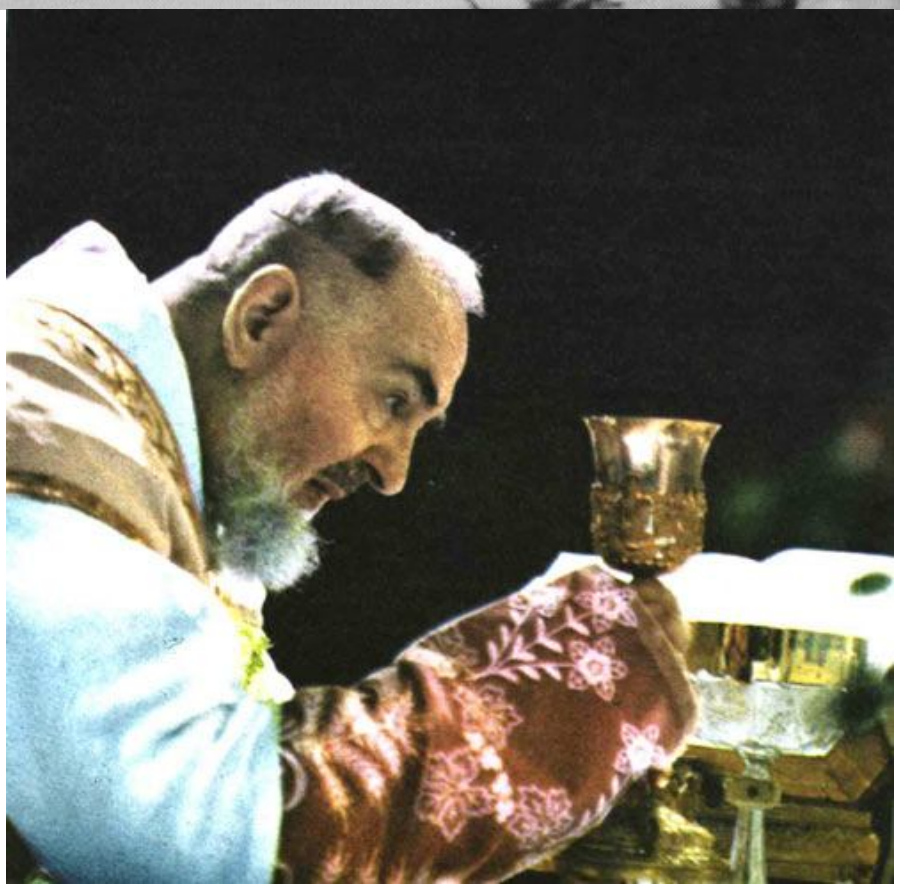


I suffer the most from the Consecration to the Communion.

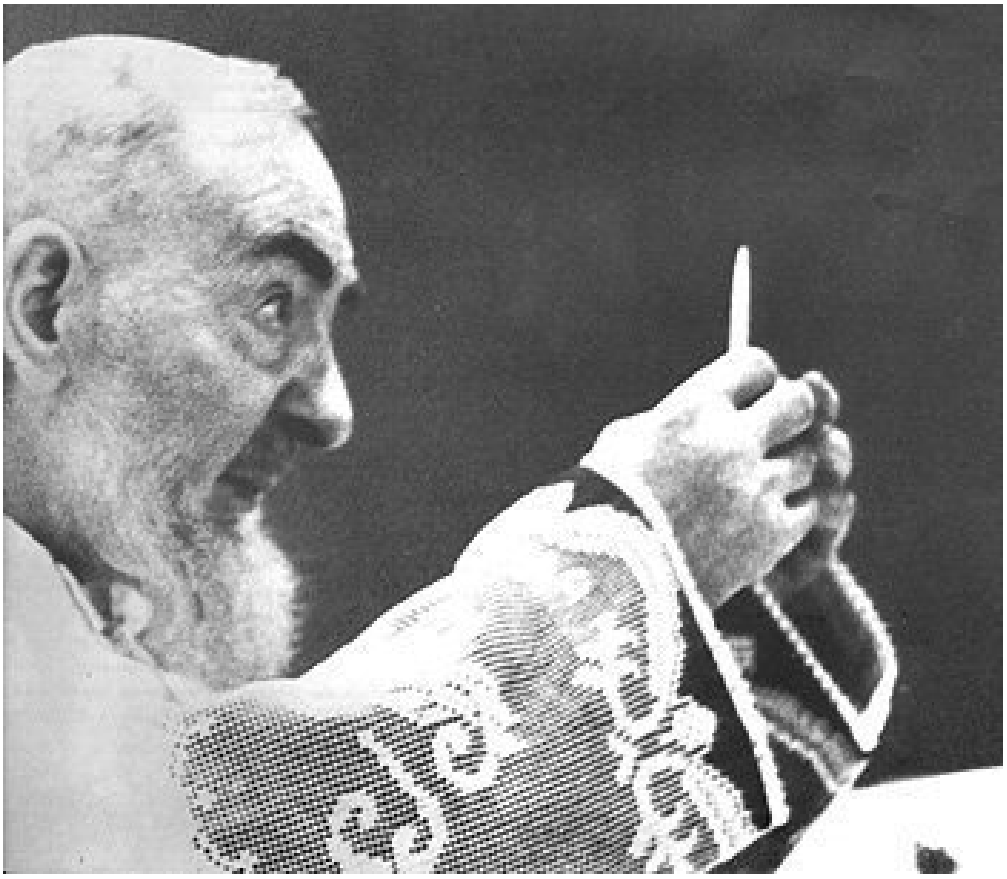


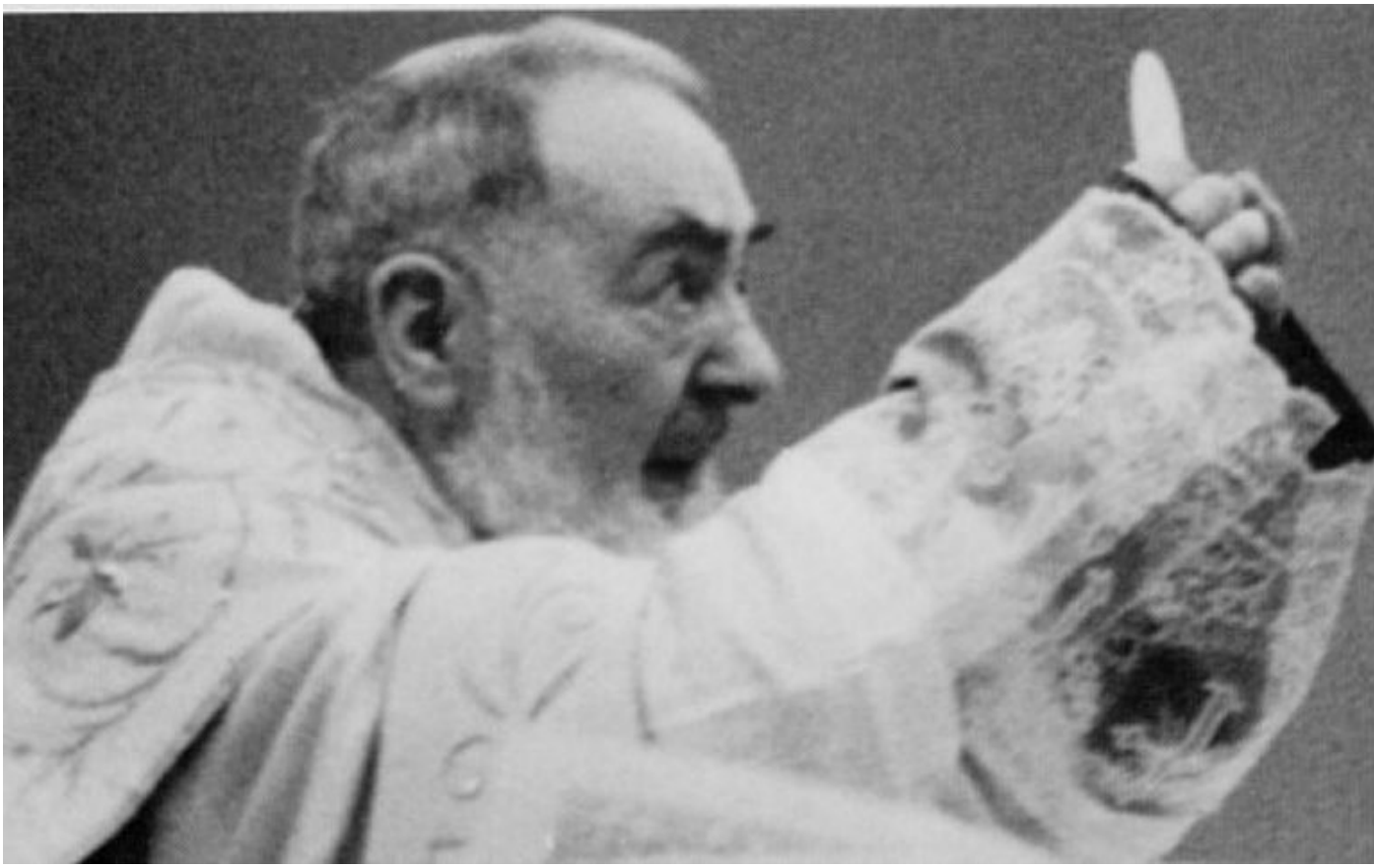
During the Consecration a new, awesome and wonderful annihilation and creation happens.



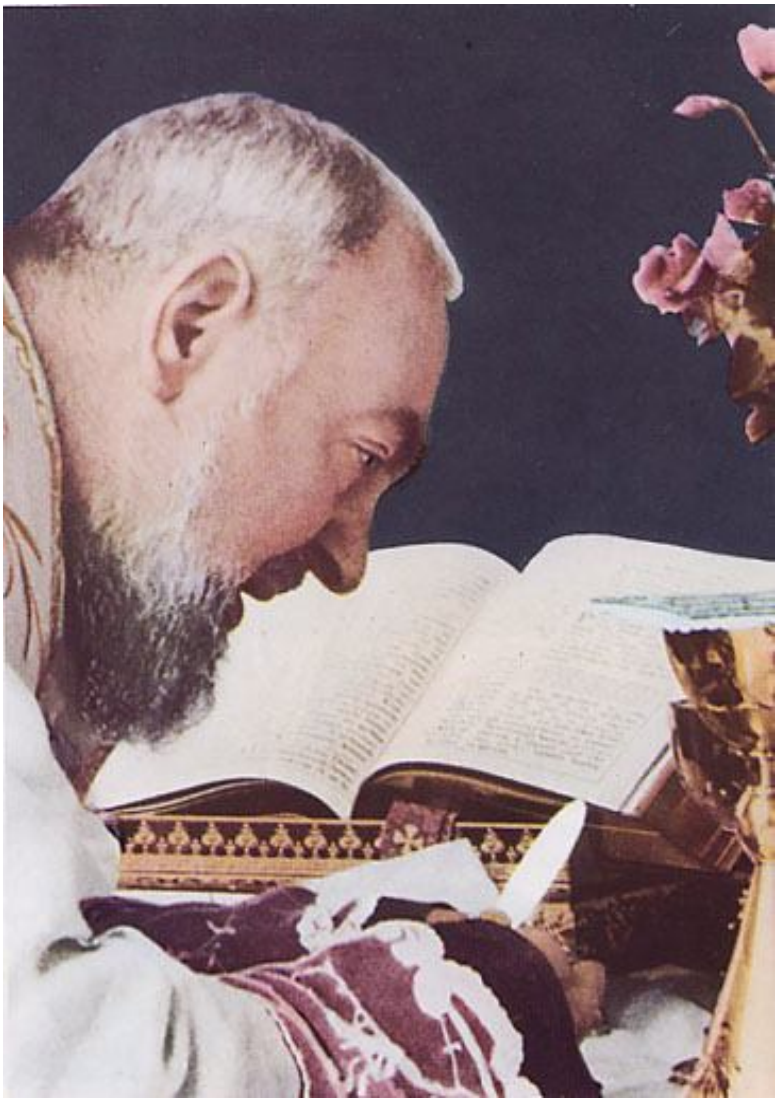


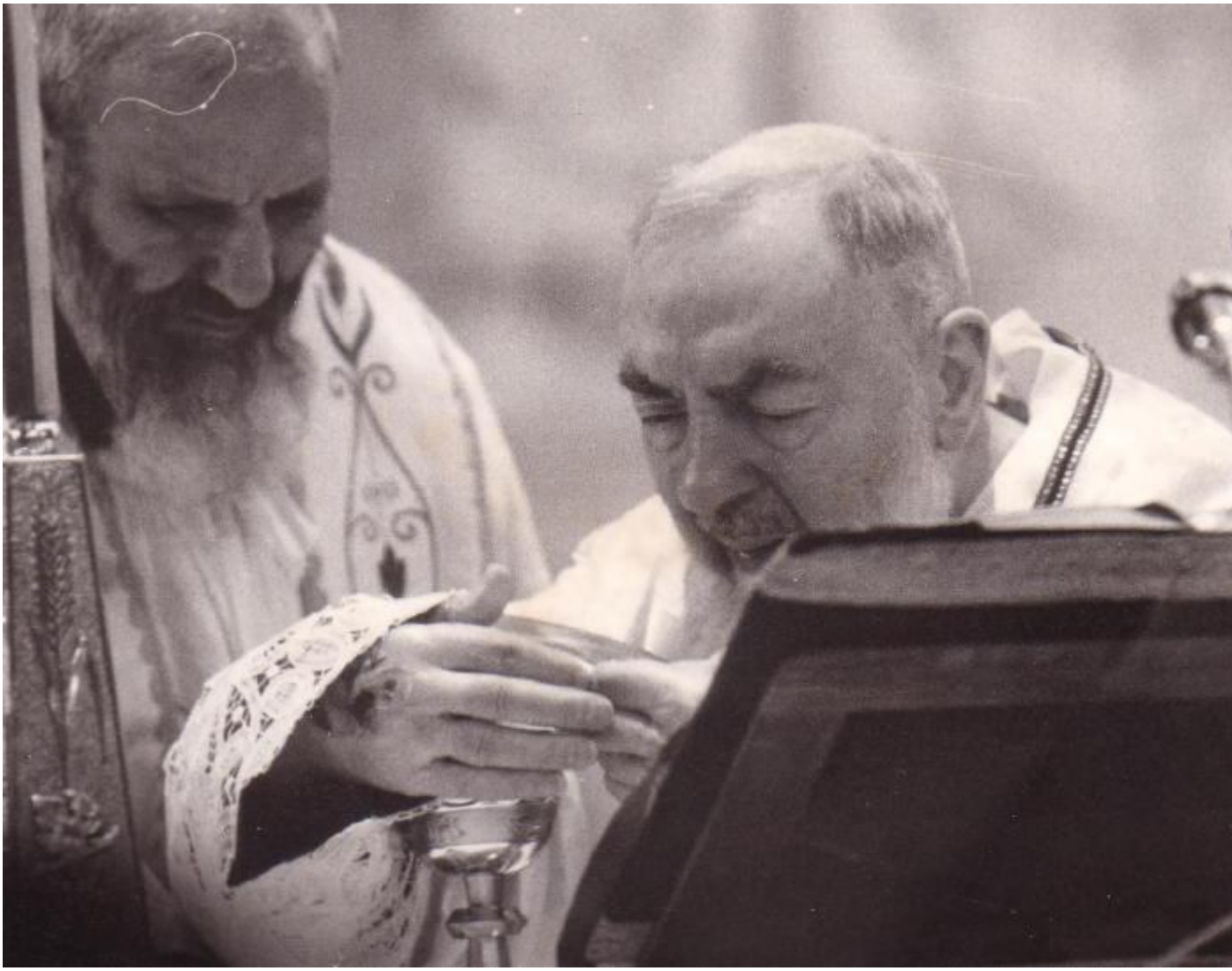
"My suffering is insignificant compared to the suffering Jesus experienced."



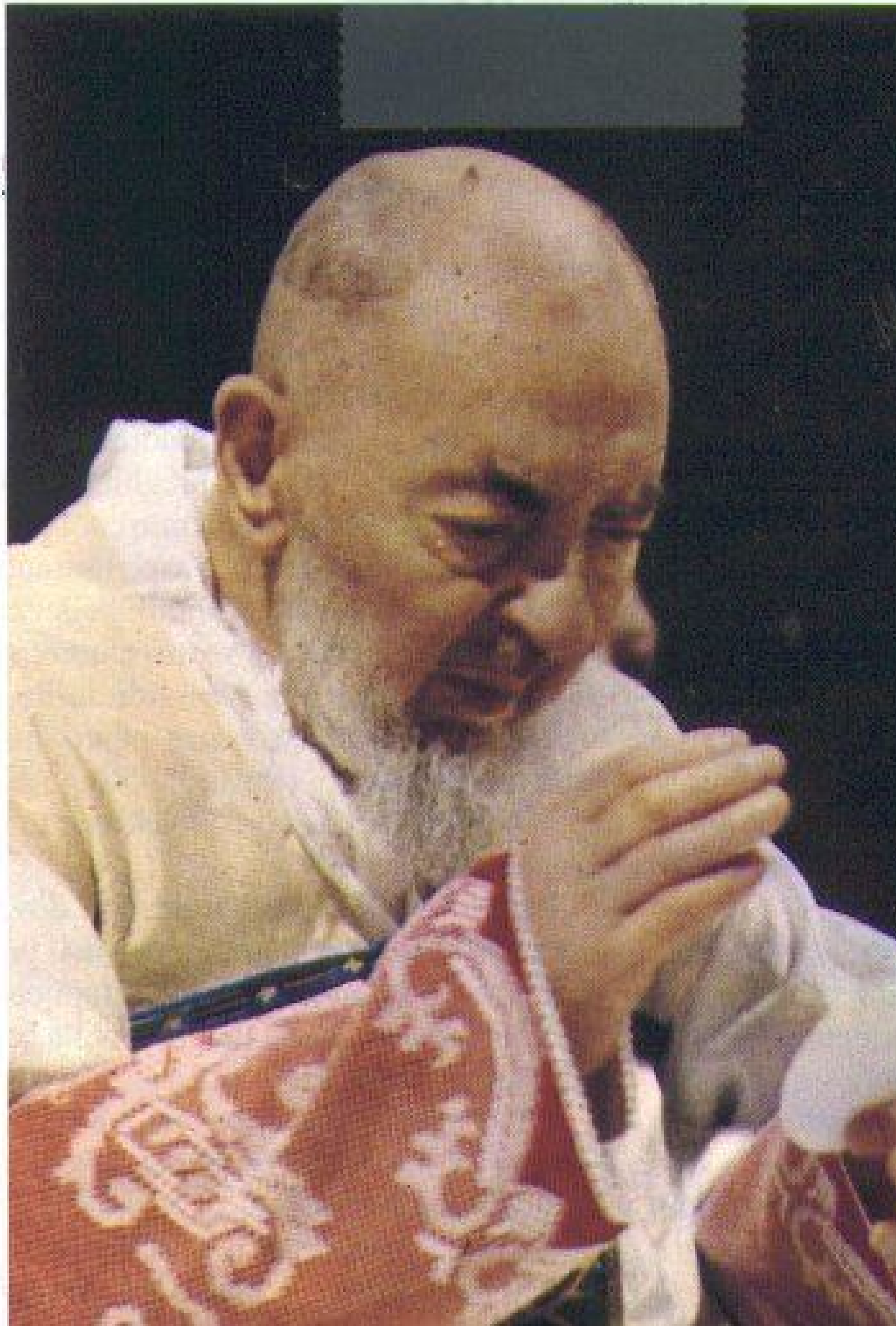


"The mass gives to God an infinite glory"

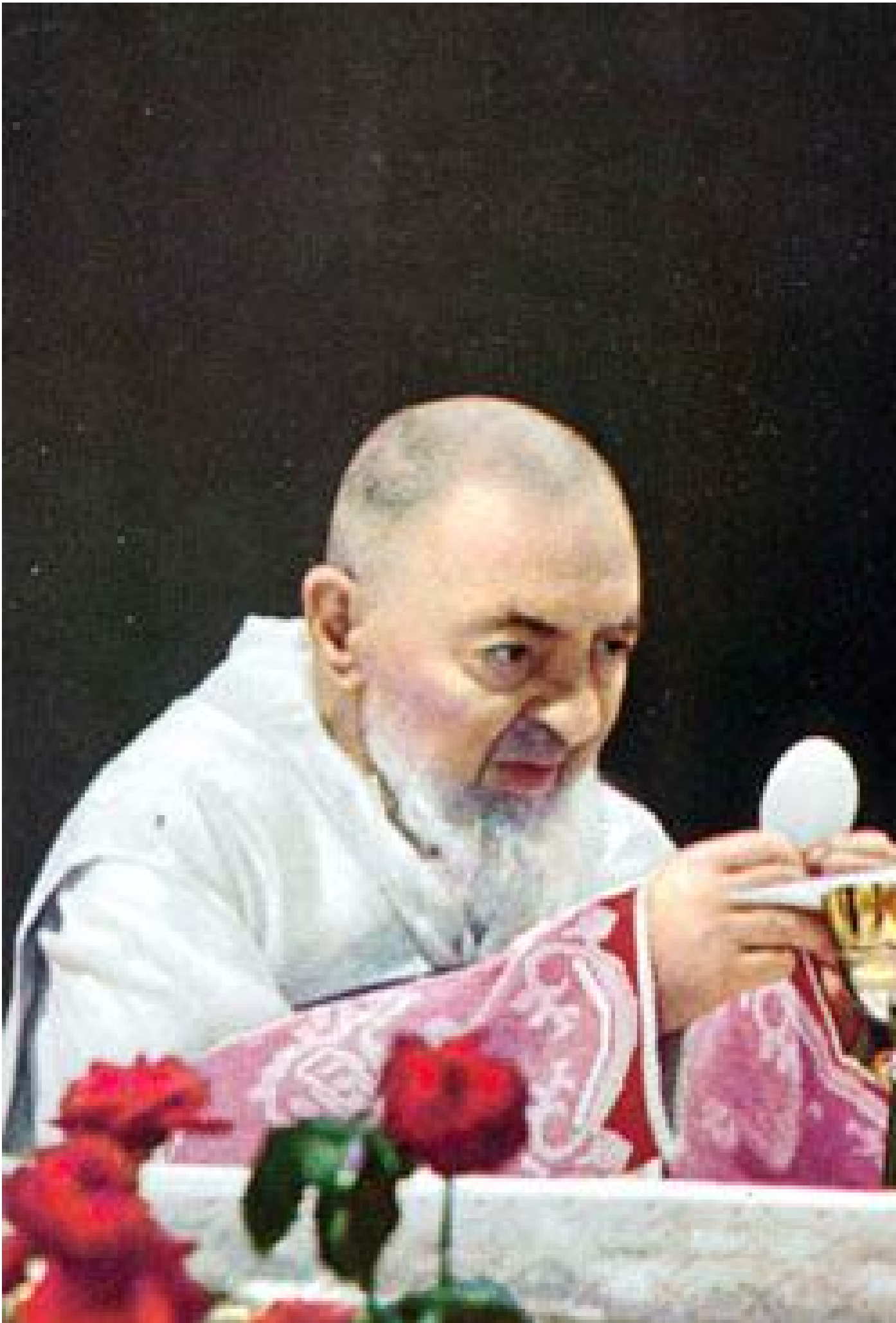




I don’t want my Calvary to be alleviated; rather to make it harder.
We must suffer.



in His last gaze the dying Jesus looked towards His Holy Mother.

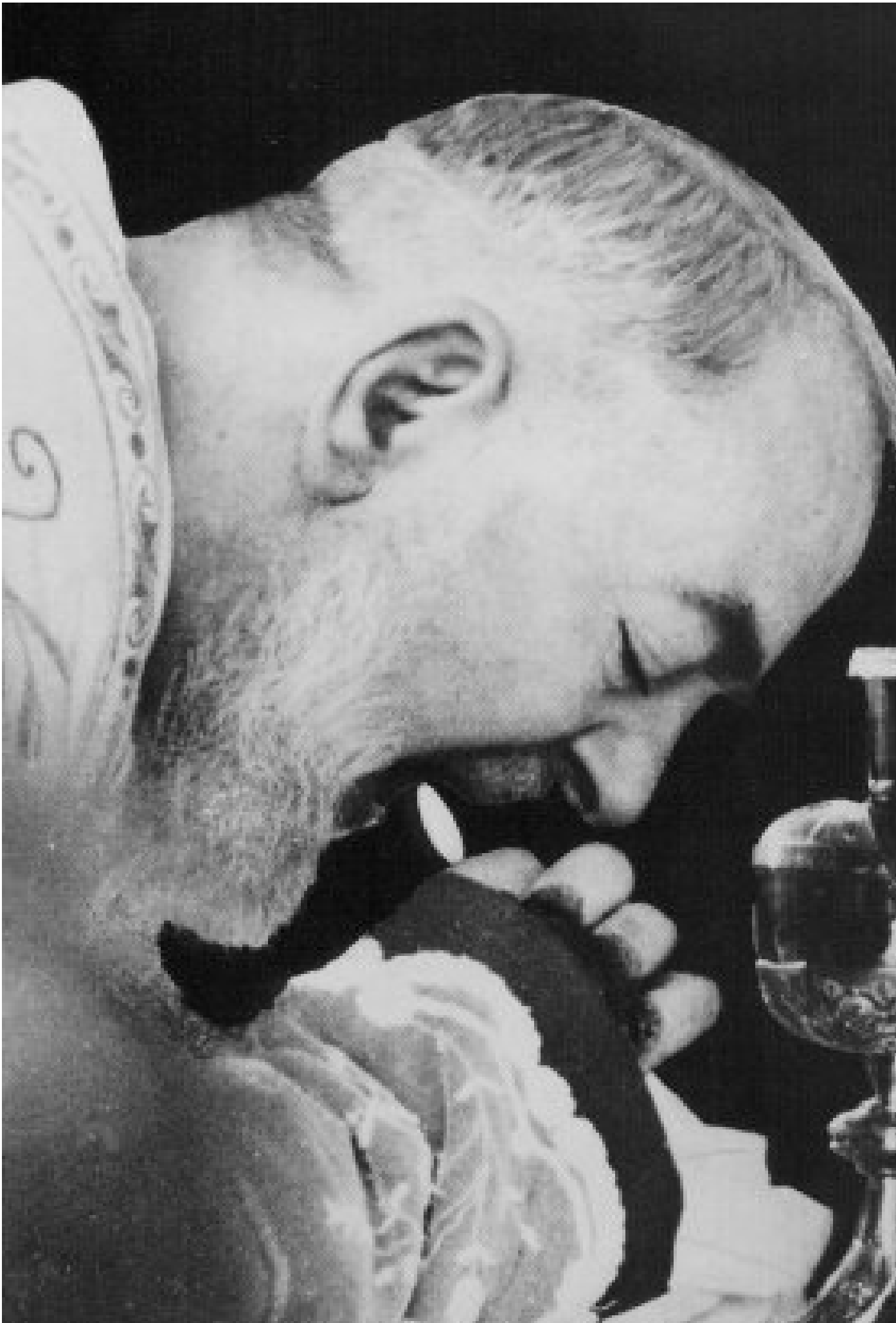


In the Communion I ask the Lord to let me be another Jesus, all Jesus, always Jesus.

"My Communion is a fusion. Like two candles that fuse together

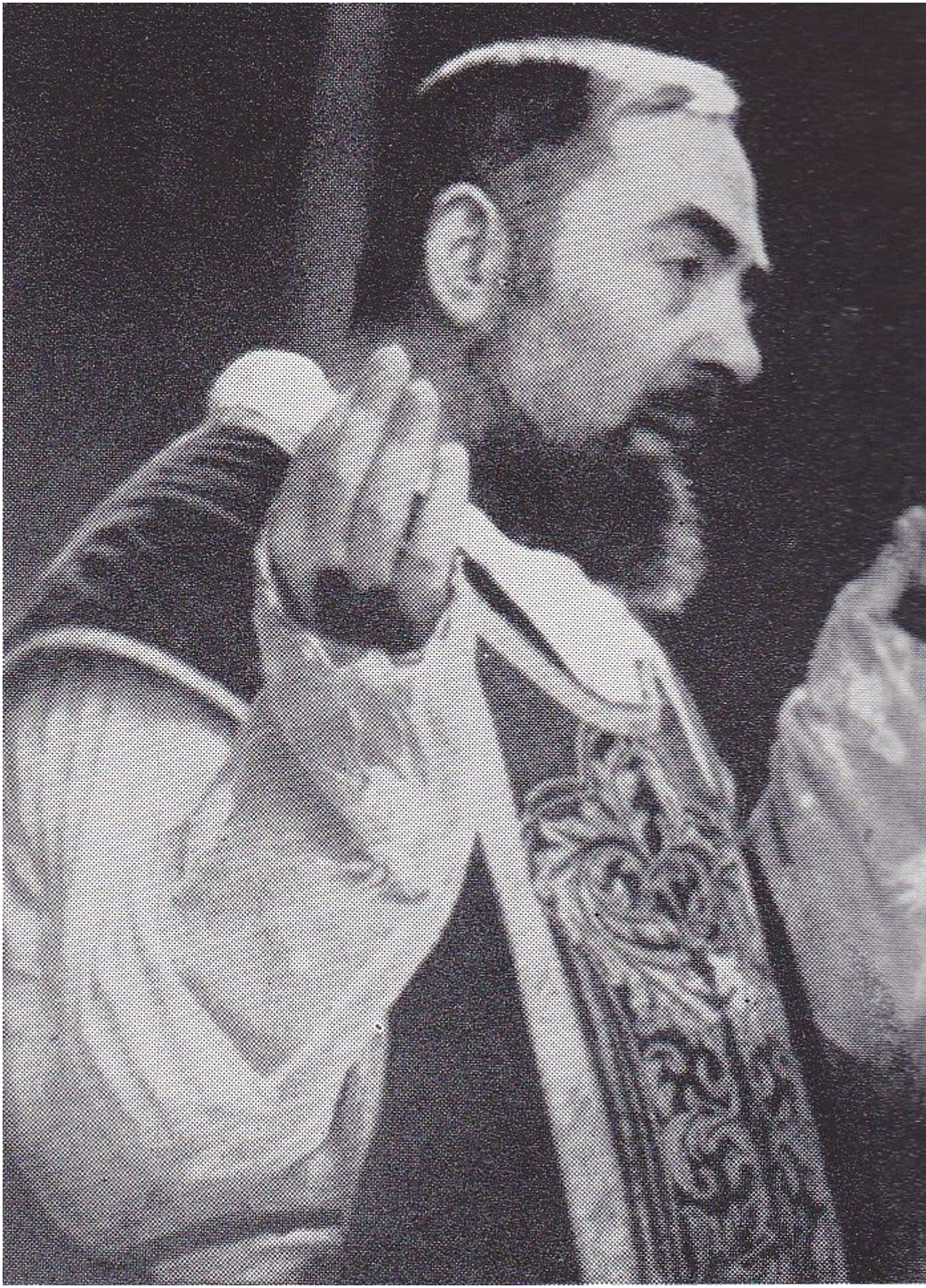
and cannot be distinguished one from the other. "

I die mystically, at the Holy Communion.



The Communion is the culminating point of my suffering.

"Listen to the Mass the way the virgin mary stood at the Calvary"



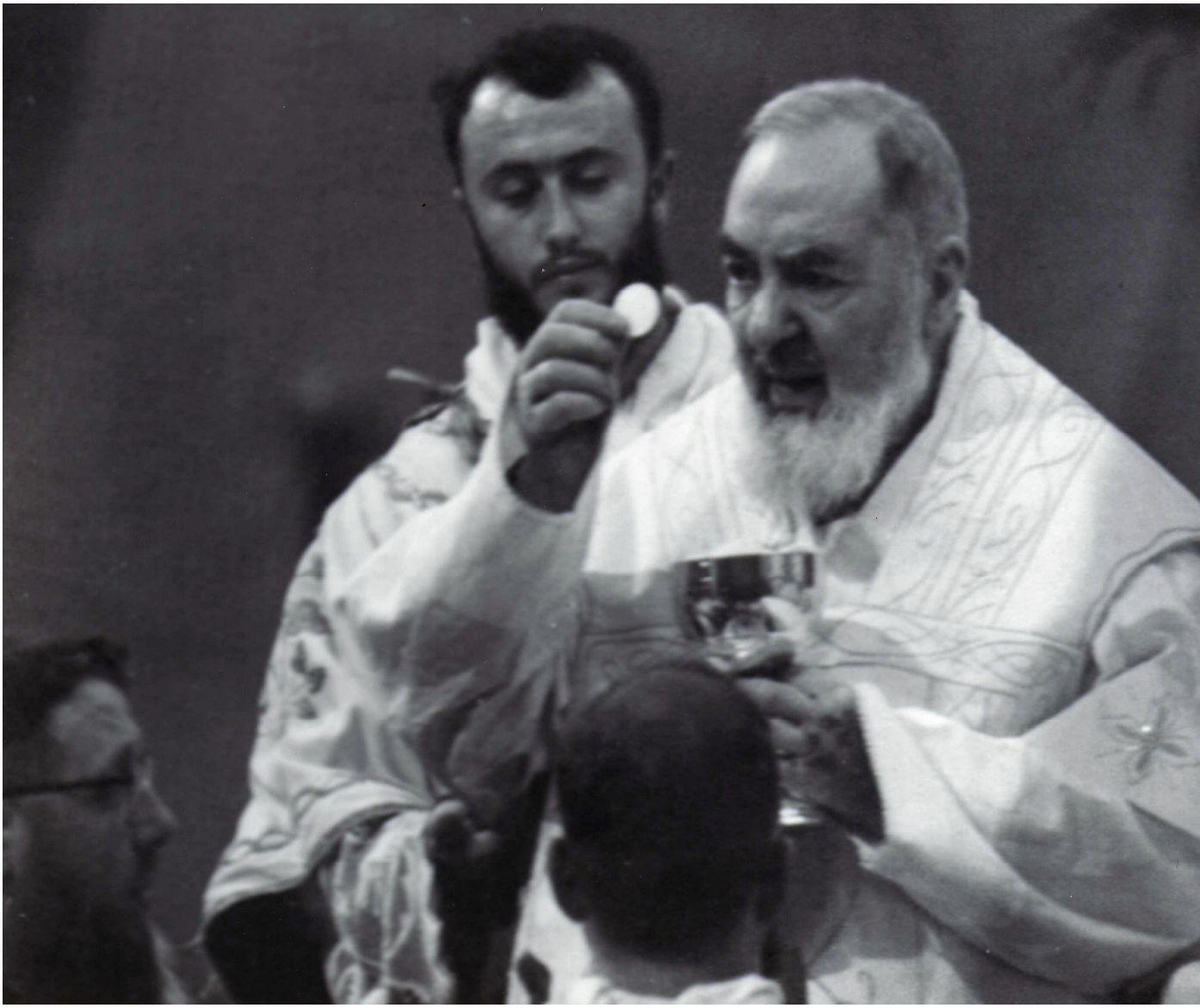
O lord, don't strike my poor brothers, strike me.

I take all iniquities on myself, as it is part of the Divine Sacrifice.

I see all my children who come to the altar, as if in a mirror.

"Get involved like John in the last supper and near the Cross."

"Get involved like Mary and the pious women."

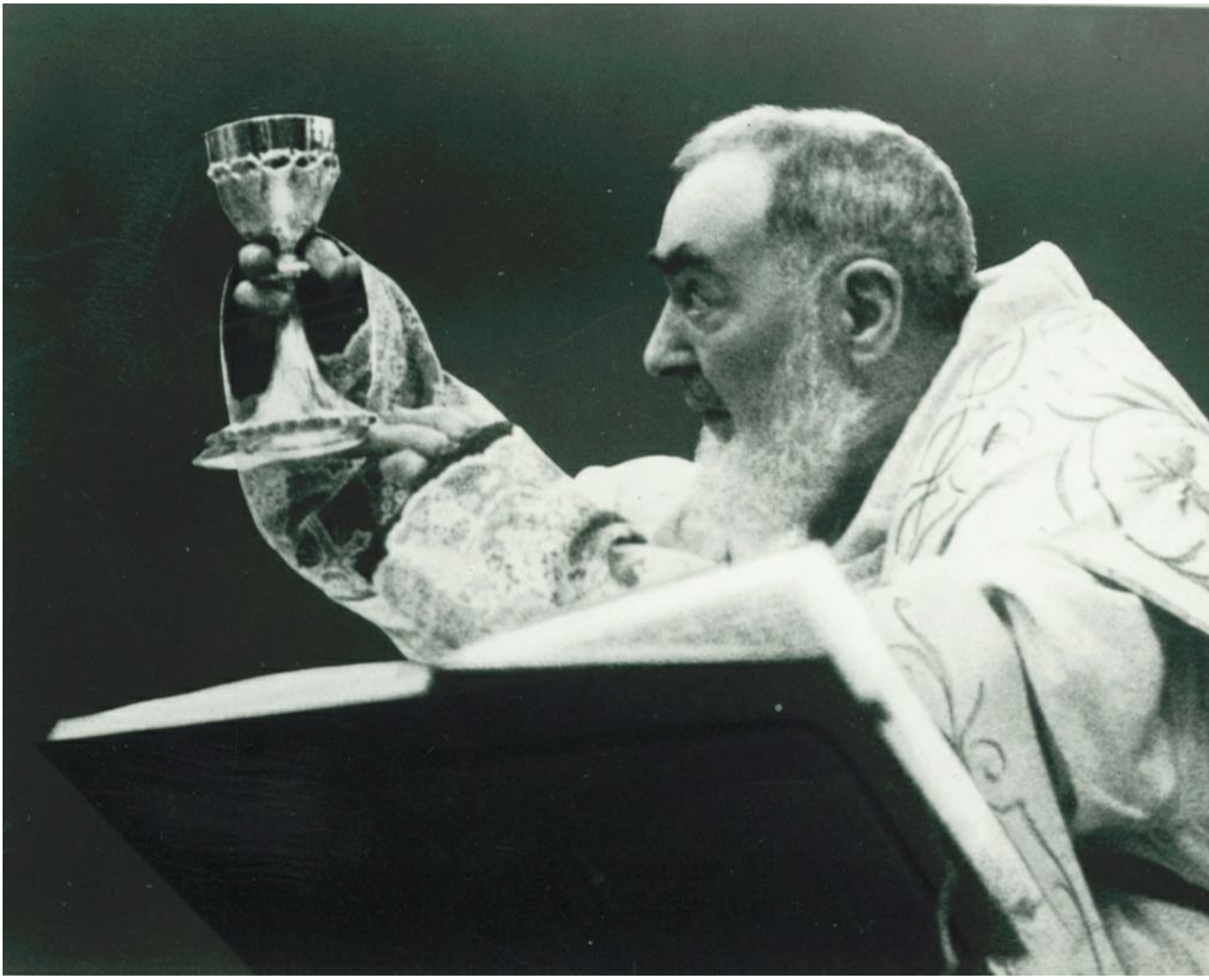


" In the Mass we need to show compassion and love."

"The holy mass regenerates the world."

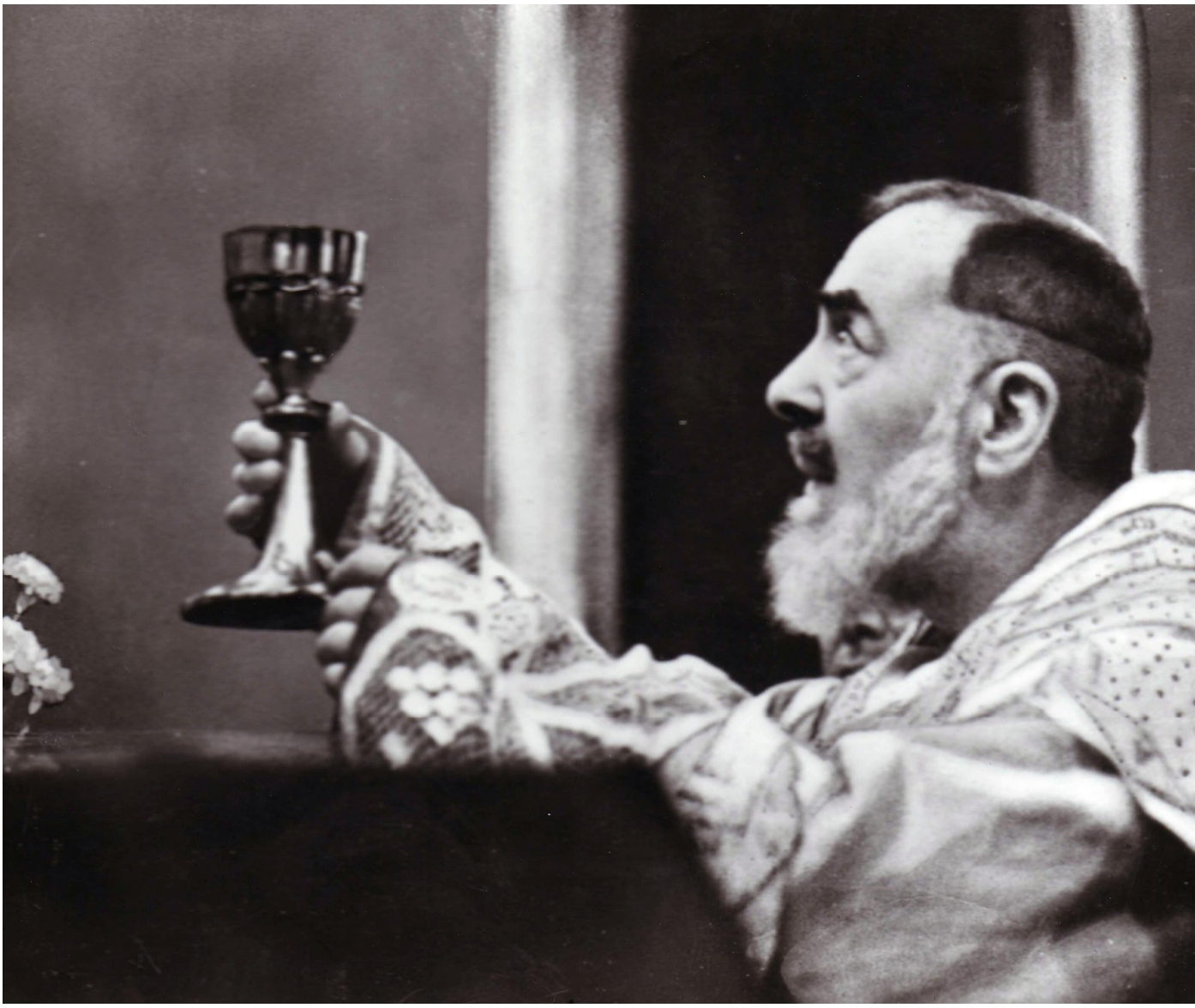
I want to save my soul at any cost.

I tell Mary: Here are the children of your Son.



The fruits that we receive at Mass cannot be enumerated.

We will know it only in Paradise.

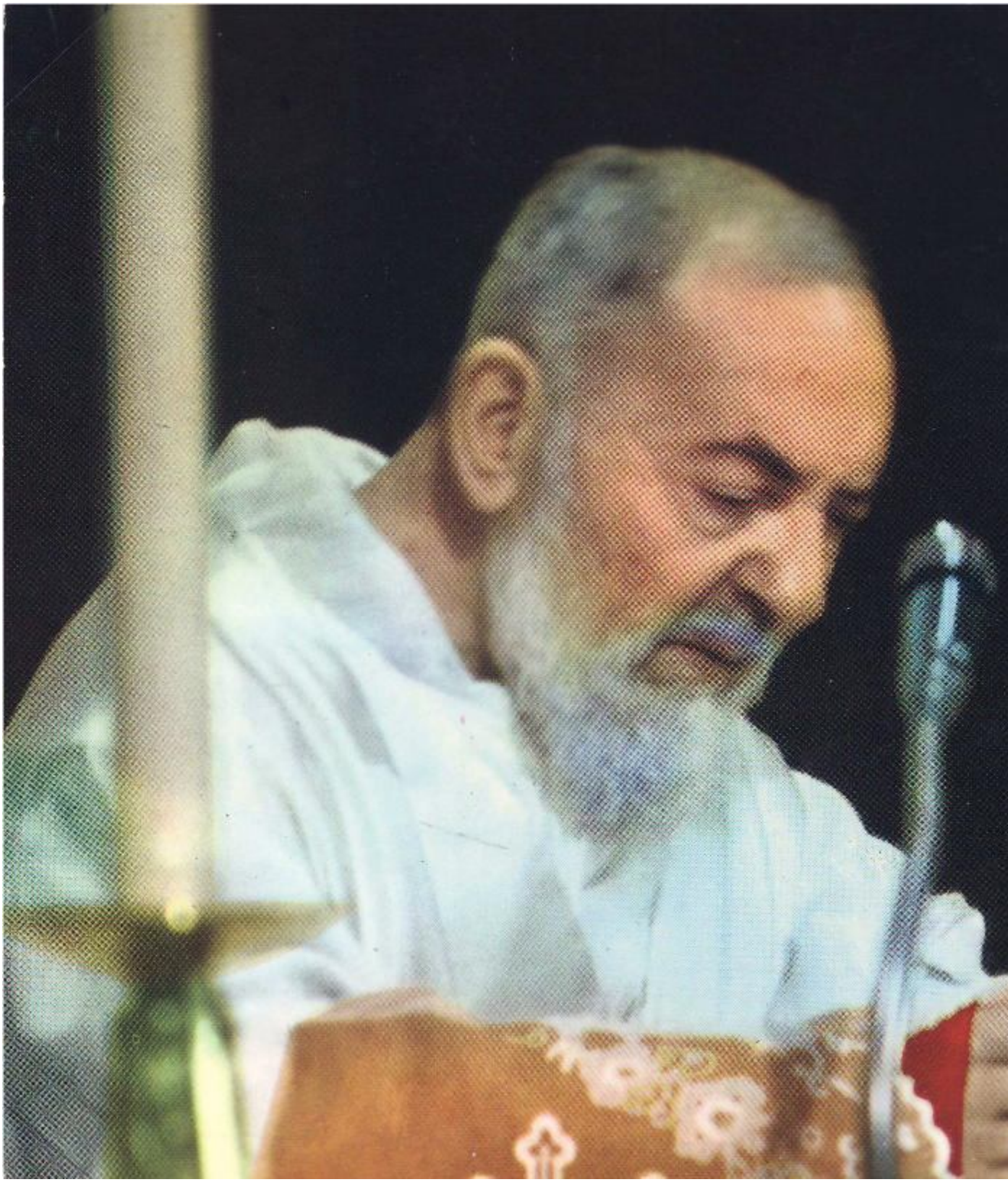


"If we only knew how God regards it, we would

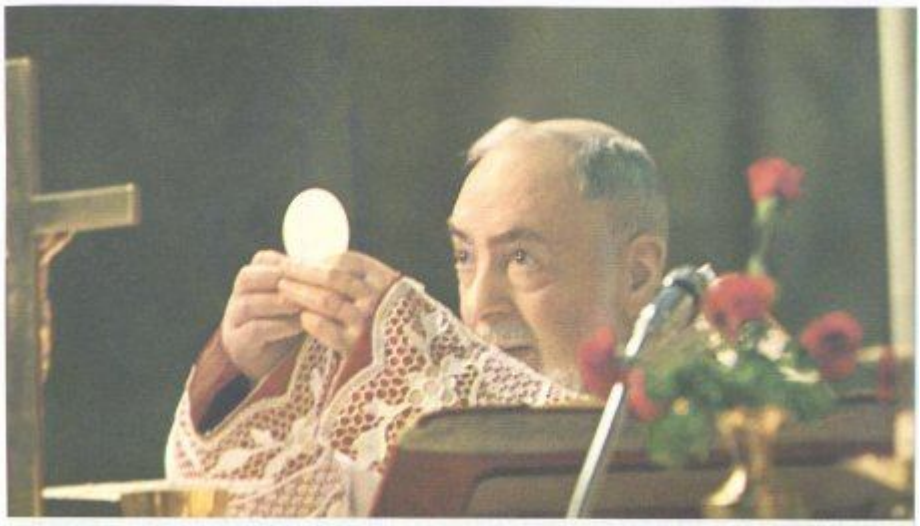
risk our lives to be present at a single Mass."

"It is easier for the earth to be without the sun than without the mass."

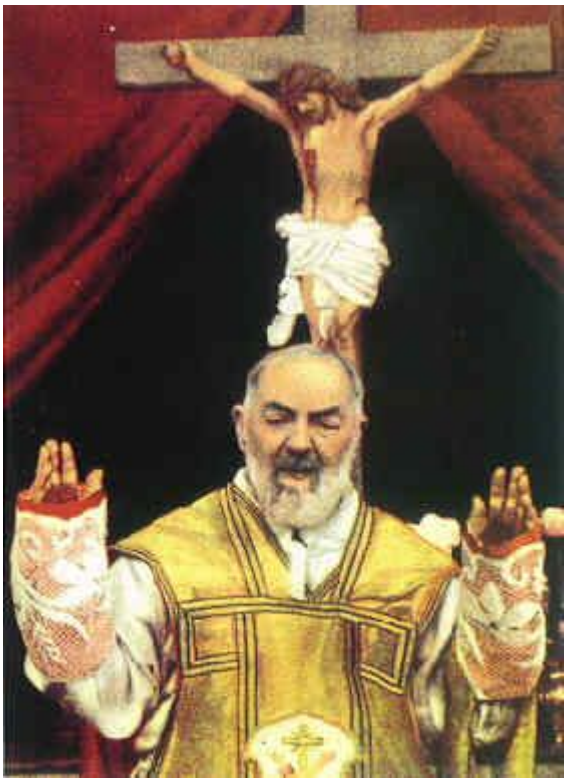
"I live for Jesus Christ, I live for his glory, I live to serve him, I live to love him."



"In the communion Jesus put his delight in his creature."



"Mass is redemption of your soul and reconciliation with God."



"I find my rest on the Cross."

"The angels around the altar adore and love."

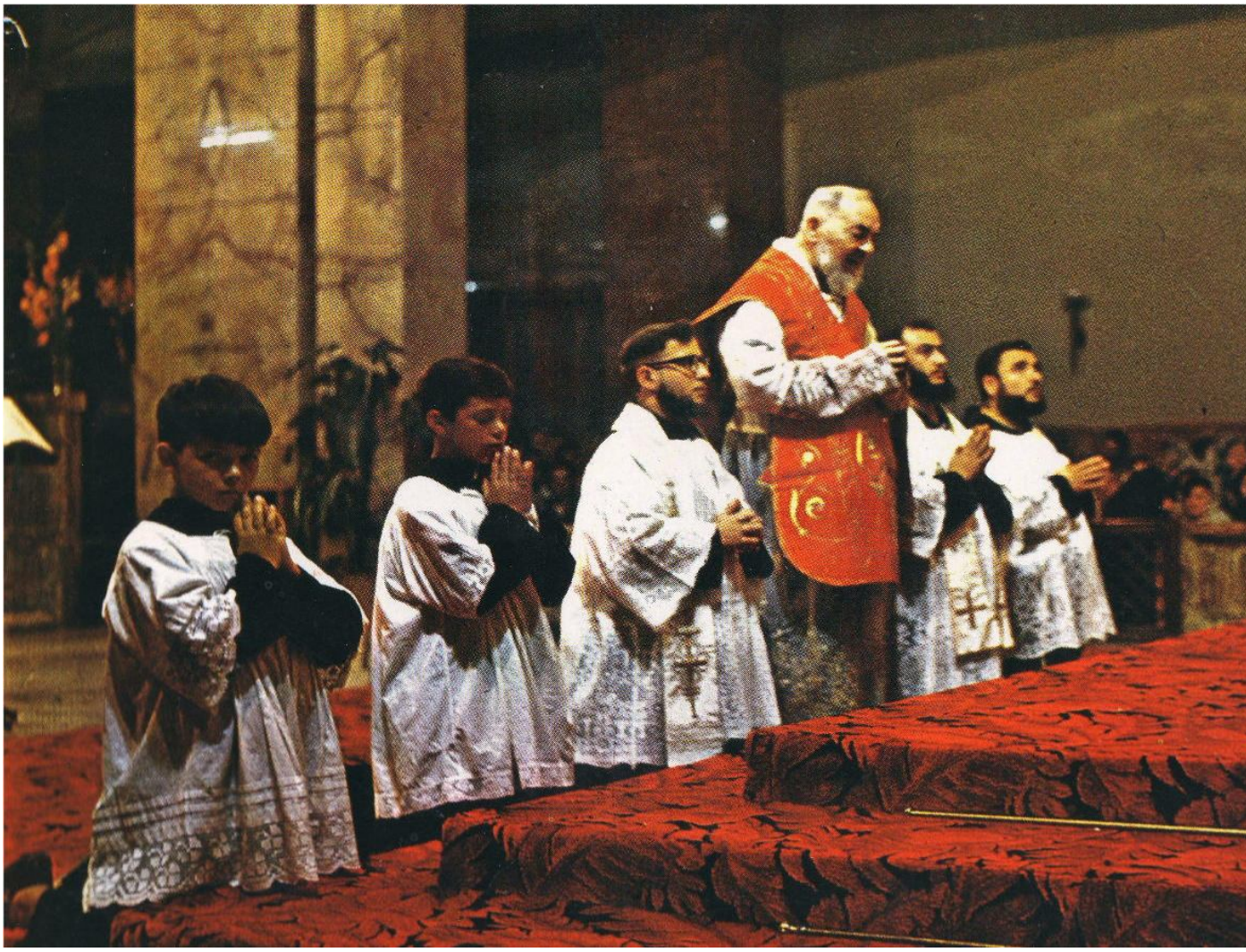
"The eucharist gives and idea of the union we will have in heaven."

"The Gospel is the conversation of God with men."

"I put last gaze on my brothers in exile."

"How could I live failing even for a single morning to receive Jesus in the Communion?"

" **May God the omnipotent bless you.** "

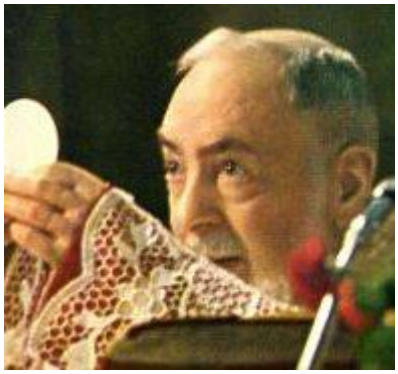


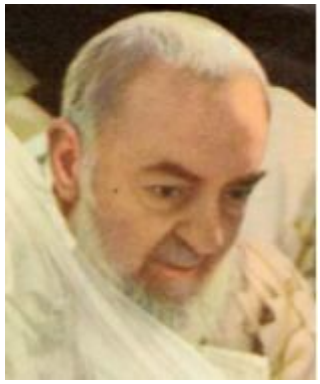
"If it depended on me I would never leave the altar."

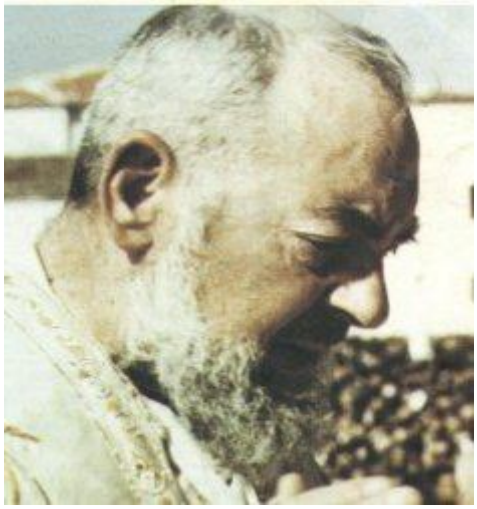
Ecstasy

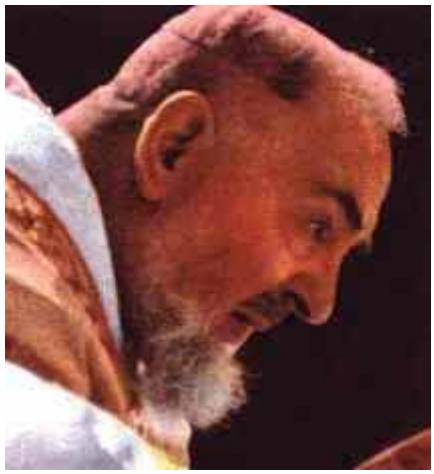
Padre Pio went in ecstasy many times since he was a child. The phenomenon has been witnessed, reported and documented.

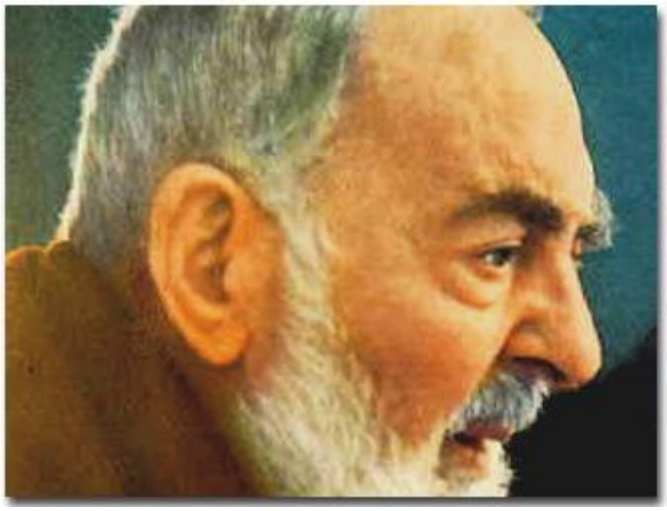
Here are some expressions of Padre Pio were he seems to look at something beyond what we are used to see.

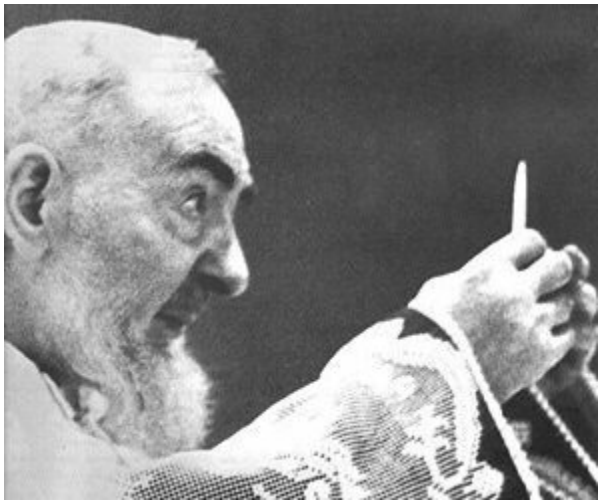


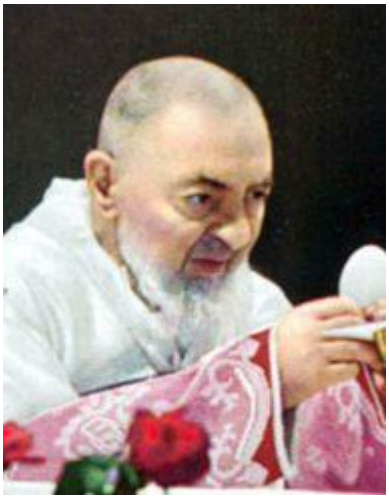


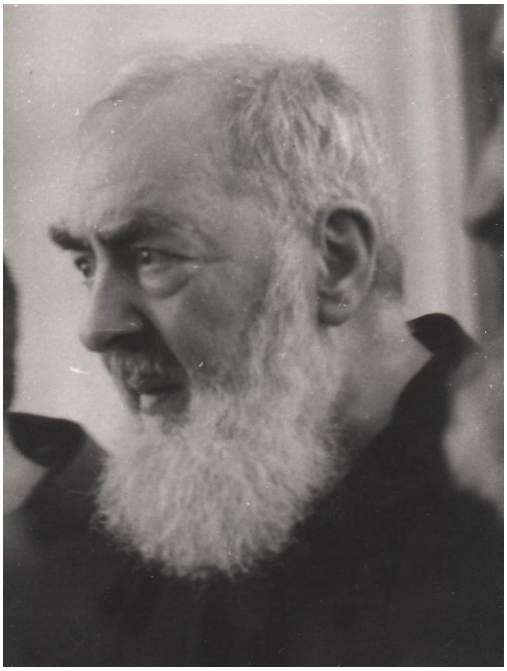


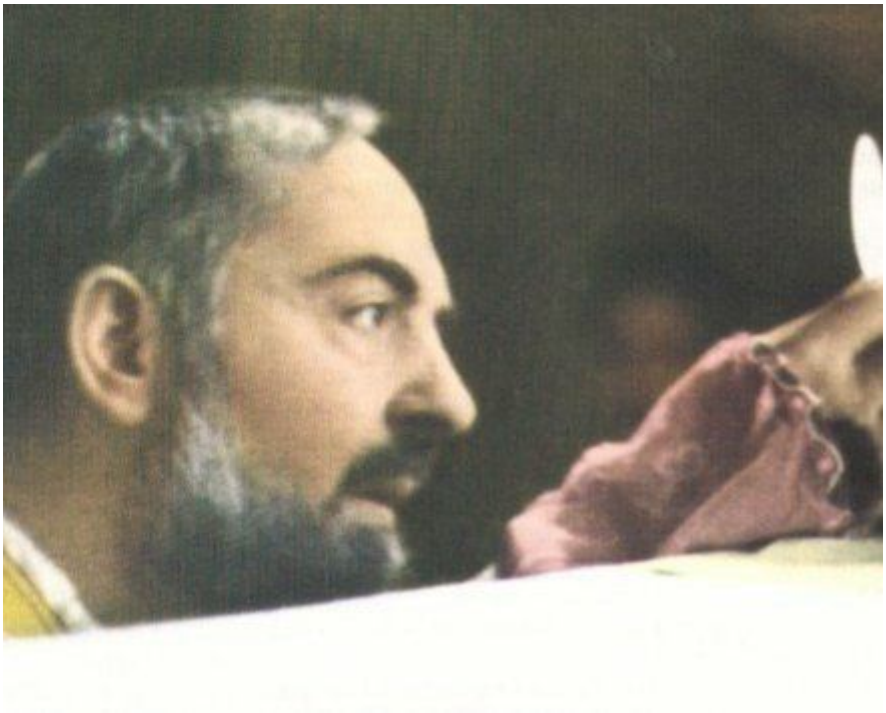


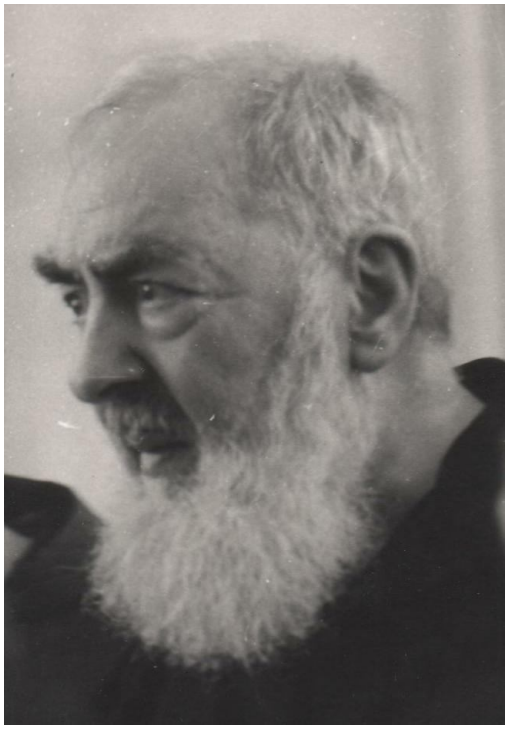


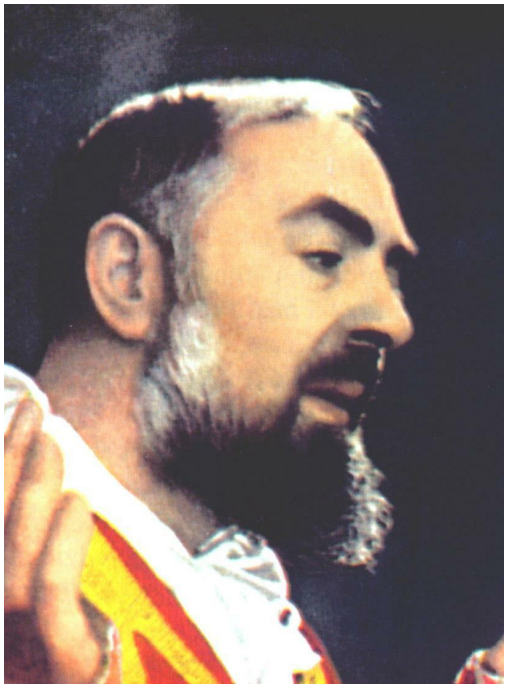


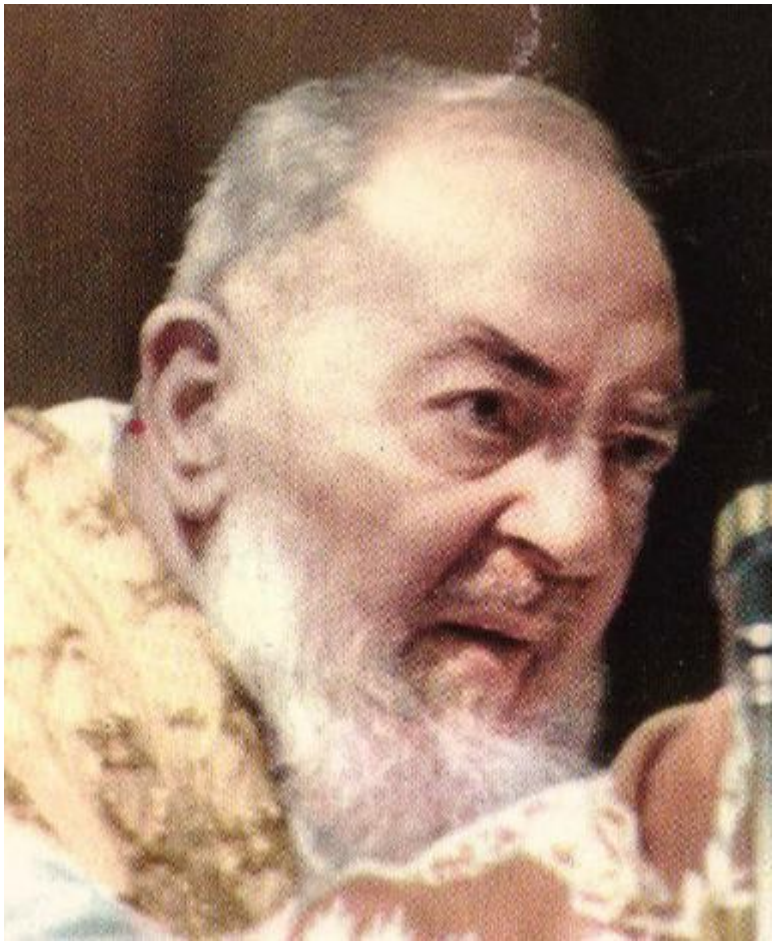


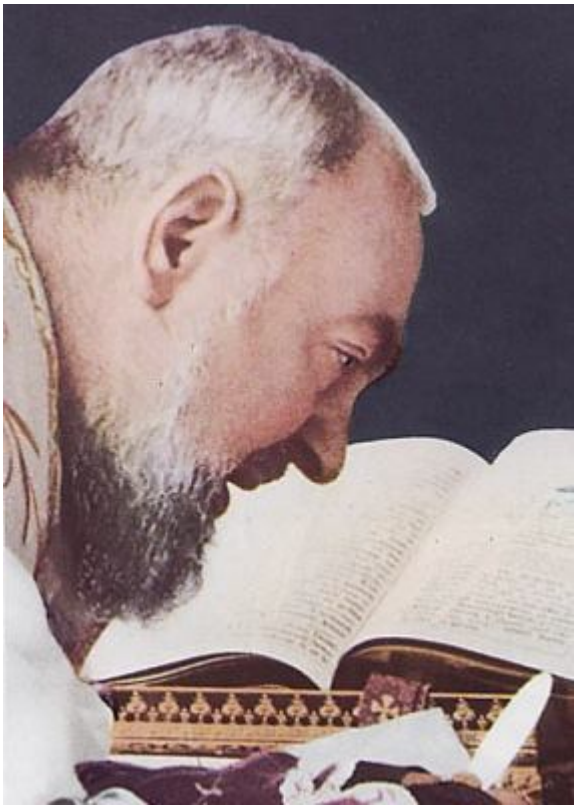


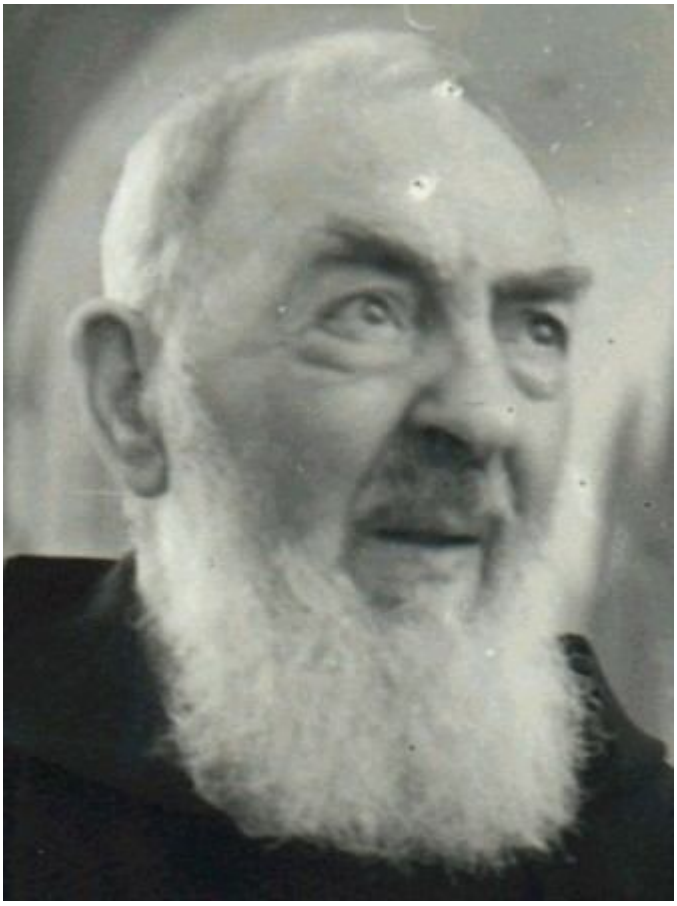


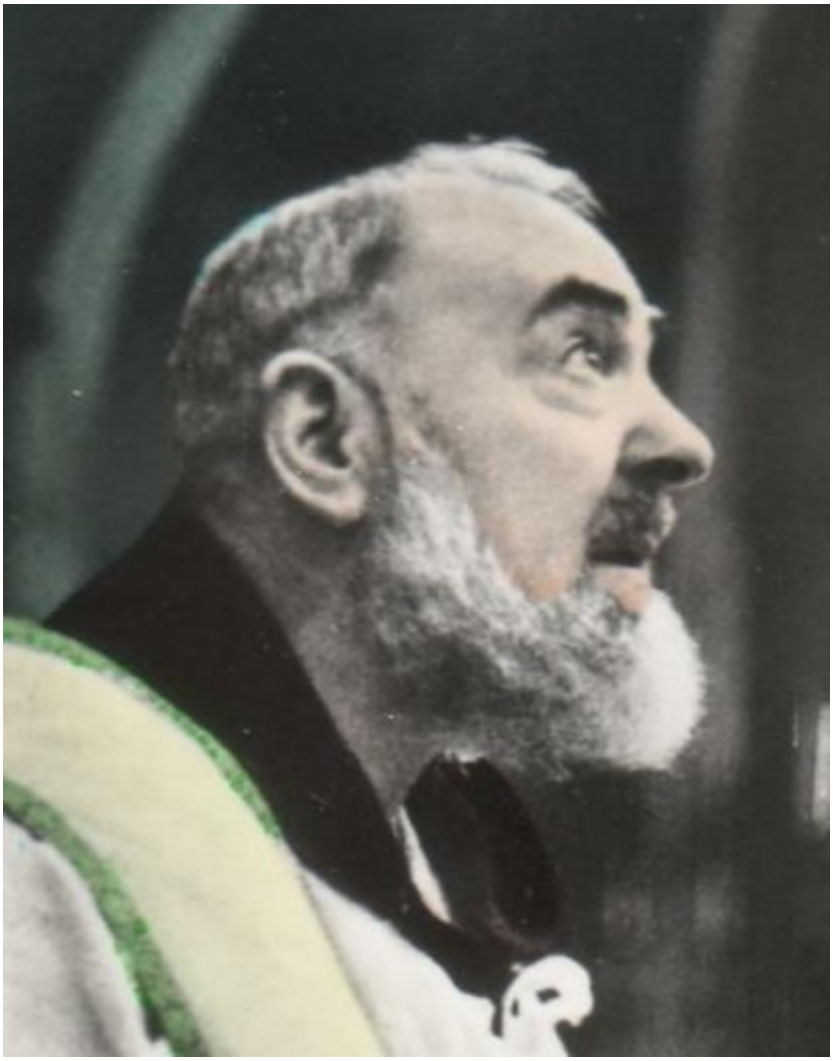


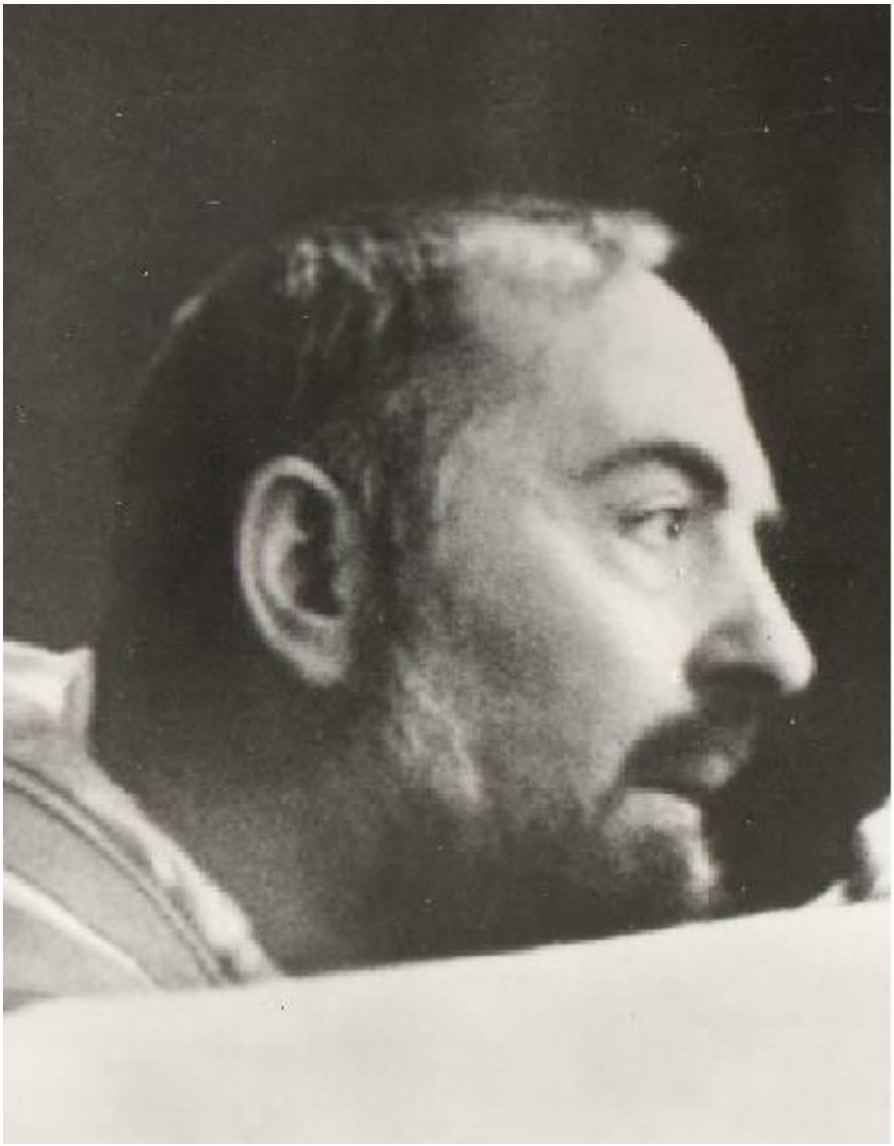


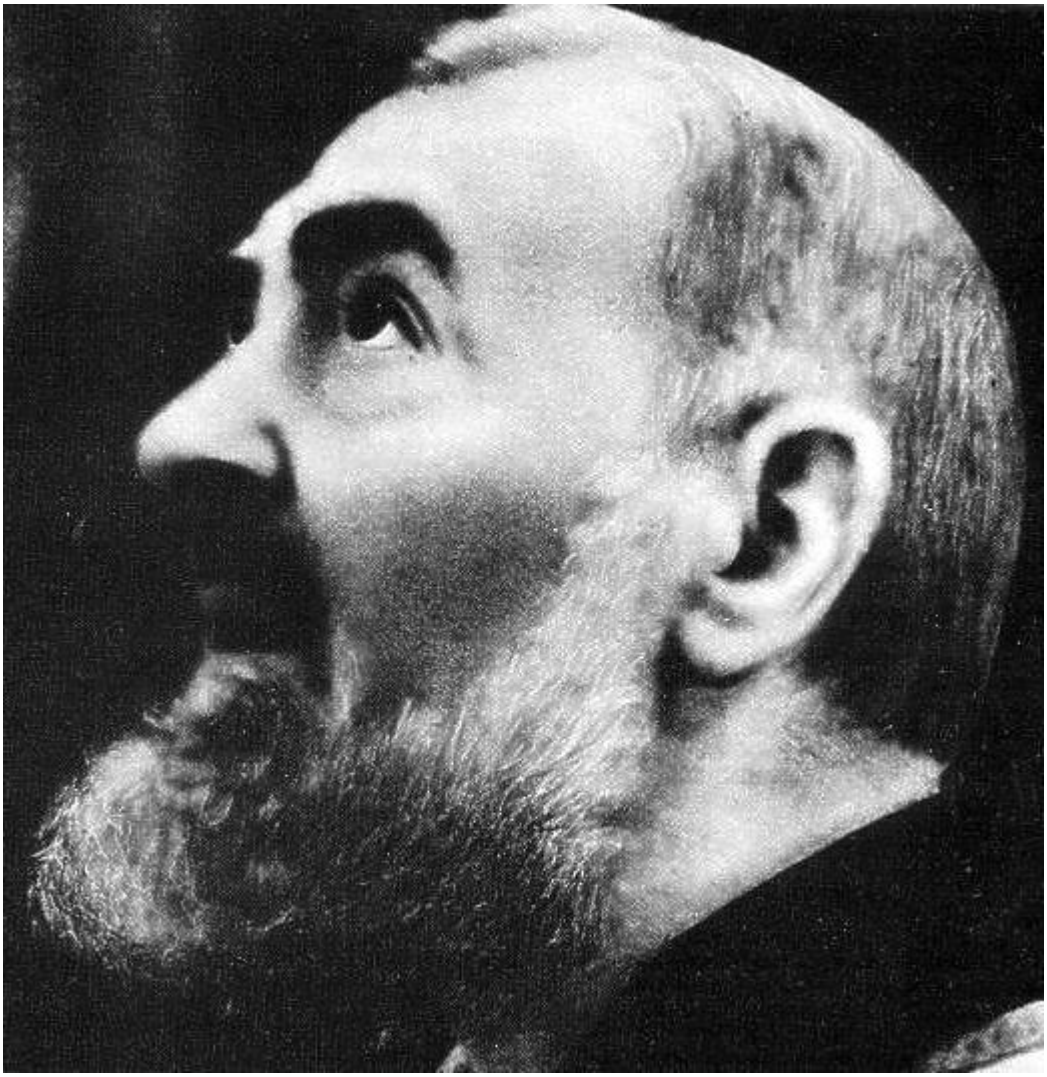












The gift of Tears

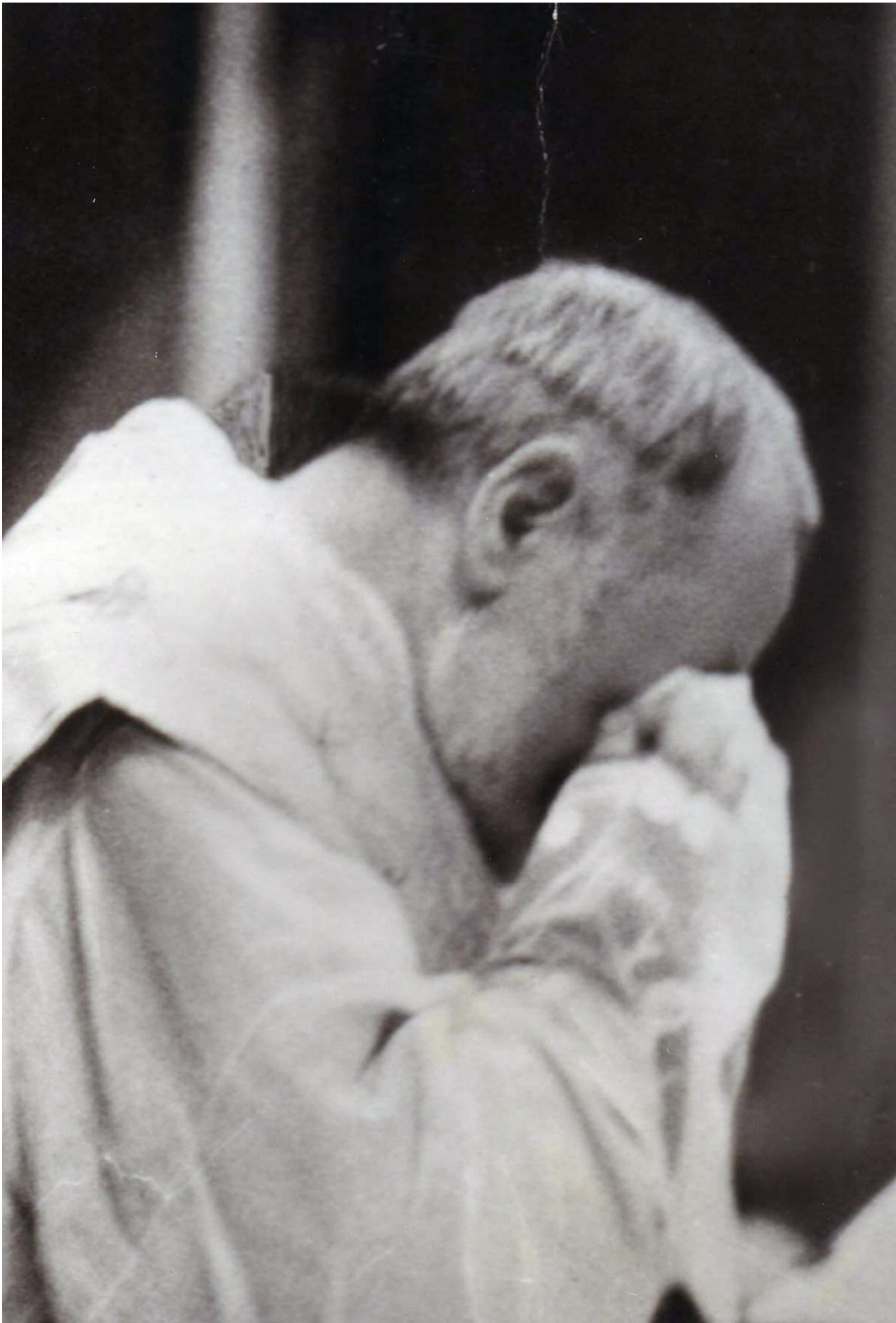
Padre Pio cried frequently and abundantly. The are many testimonies. One example:

Brother Leo (Fra' Leone) classmate of Padre Pio 1903-8, testified: "While praying, Padre Pio was always crying, silently,

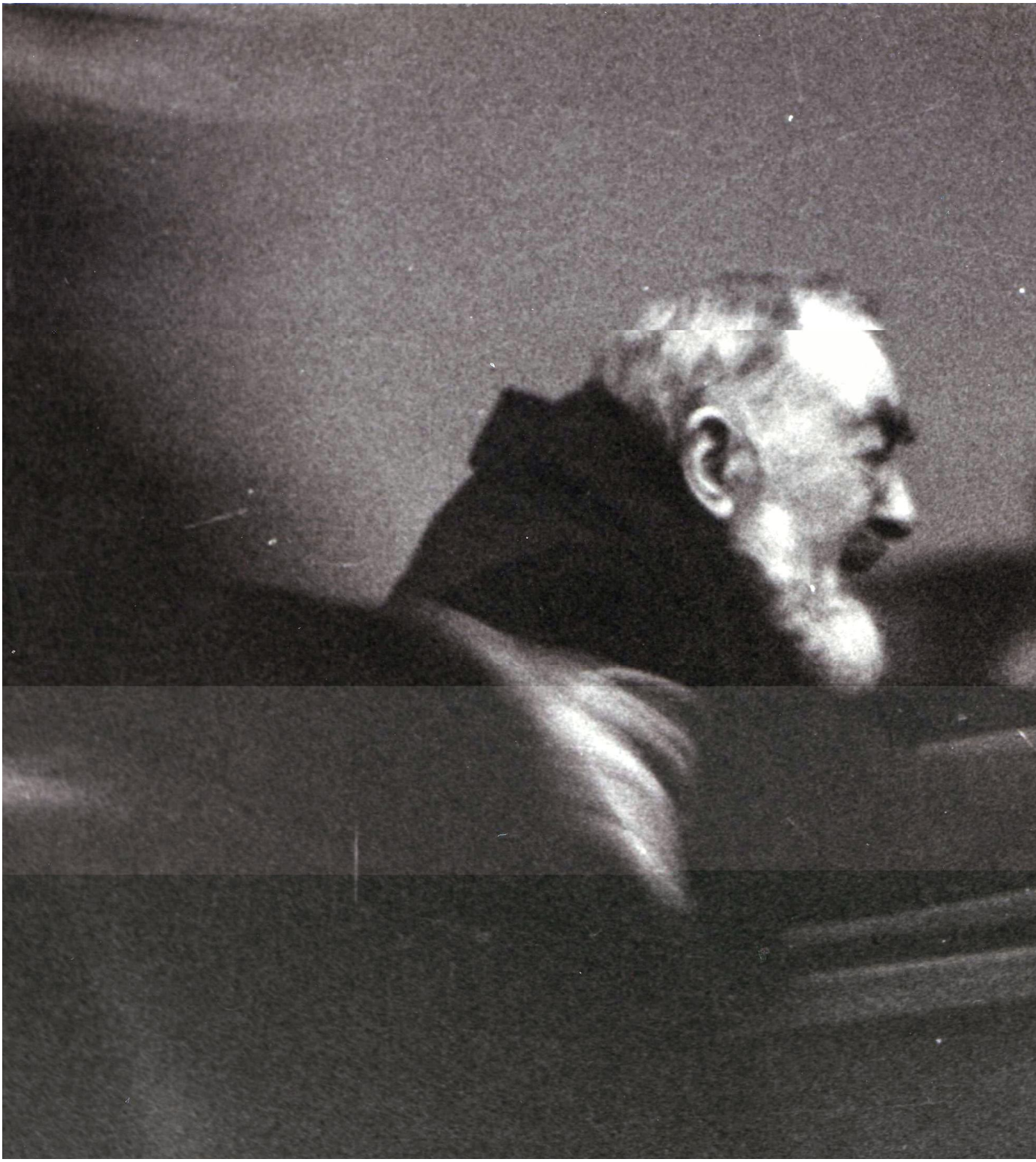
and so abundantly that his tears were leaving traces on the stone pavement of the choir.

We youngsters made fun of him. So he took the habit of lying on the floor hi large handkerchief in front of him.

After praying he would take the handkerchief that was all wet. You could have squeezed it!"



"good works are the fruit of many tears and of a lot of suffering."



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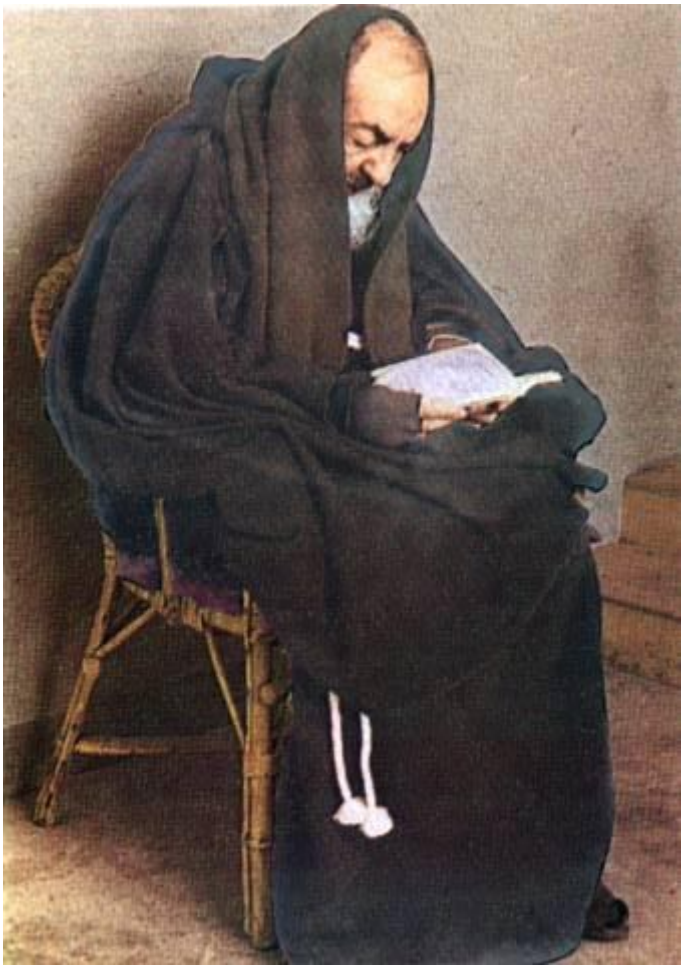
Words, anecdotes, and prodigies of Padre Pio

Padre Pio about himself



"I'm a mistery to myself."

Everyone

"I belong entirely to everyone."

"Everyone can say: Padre Pio is mine."

"I offer myself as a victim for everyone."

To Fra Modestino: "I love everybody, even if there is always a little difference."

Padre Pio at the window were he used to bless the faithful

"Like St. Christopher carried the child Jesus on his shoulders across a river, on my shoulders is the whole world."

"I am all aflame although there is no fire."

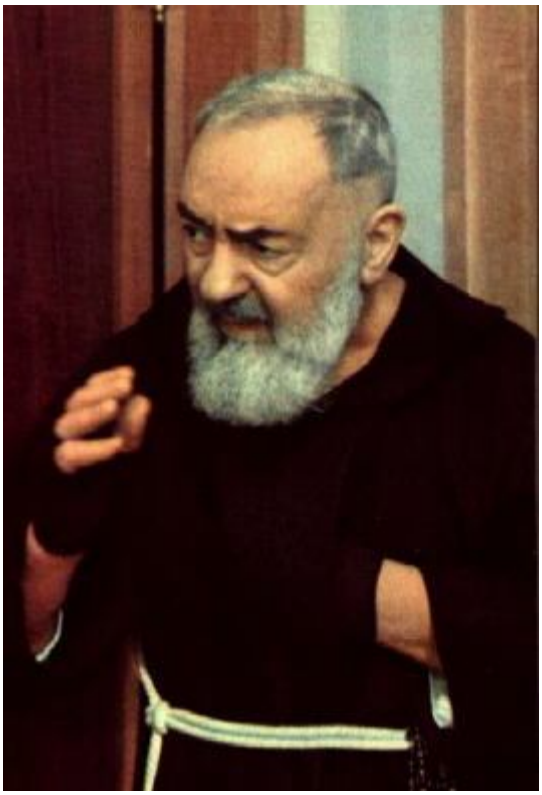
"A thousands flames consume me."

"I feel I am constantly dying, yet I'm still alive."

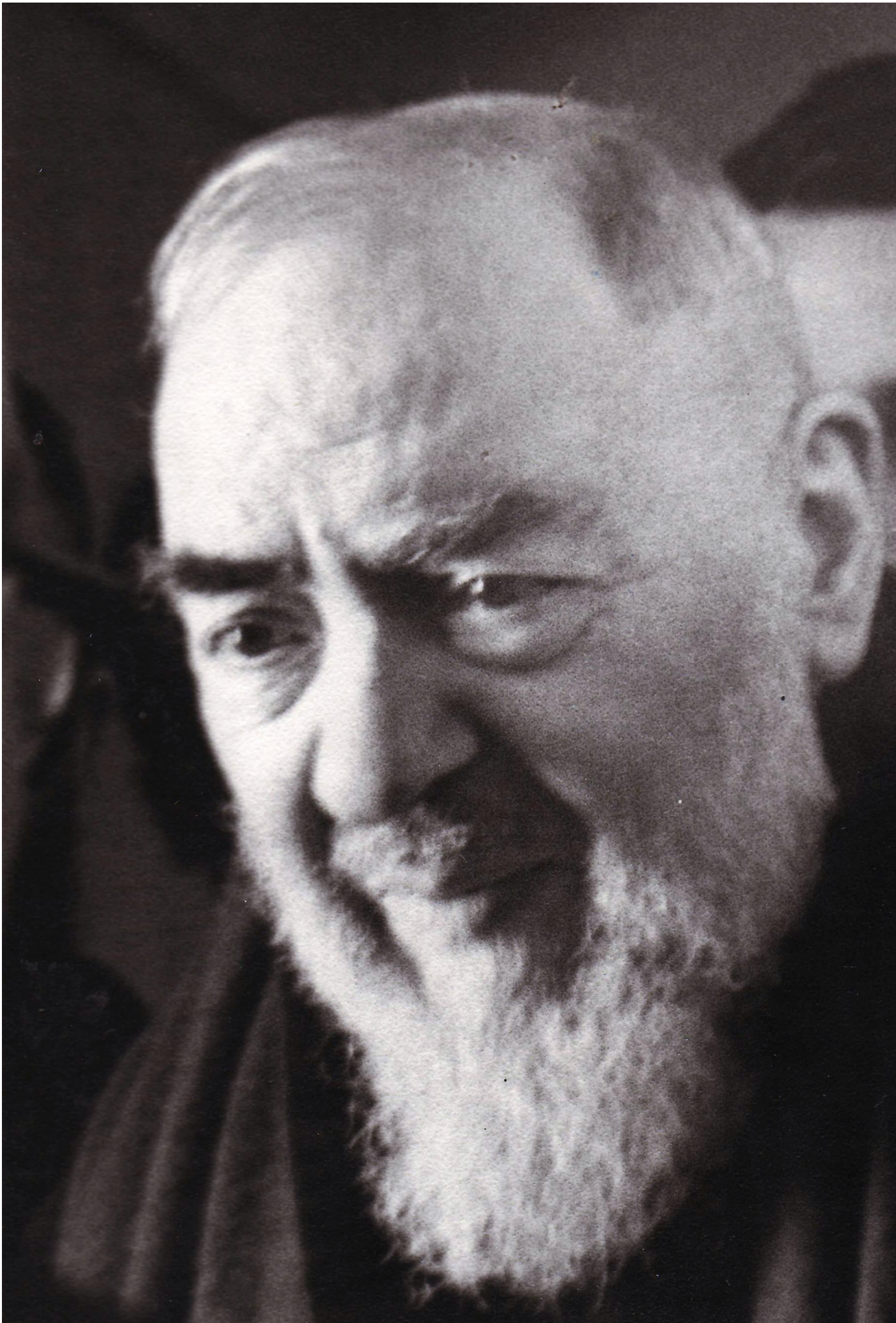
"The thought of revenge has never crossed my mind."

Suffering

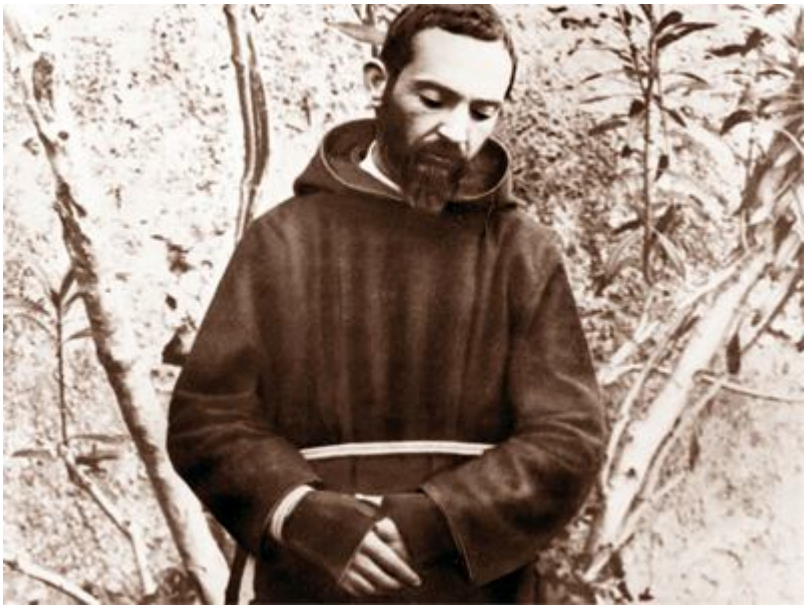
"Jesus, let me suffer, and let me die from suffering."



"I suffer as much as anyone who has the whole of humanity on his back."



"I desire nothing else than to love and suffer"



"Suffering is expiation."

"Suffering is necessary for our souls."

"My suffering gives glory to God, saves my brothers in exile, frees the souls from Purgatory."

"My sufferings are pleasing."

'I suffer only when I don't suffer."

"I want to suffer, but in secret."

"I suffer because I cannot win all my brothers to God."

"I suffer everything that Jesus suffered in the Passion."

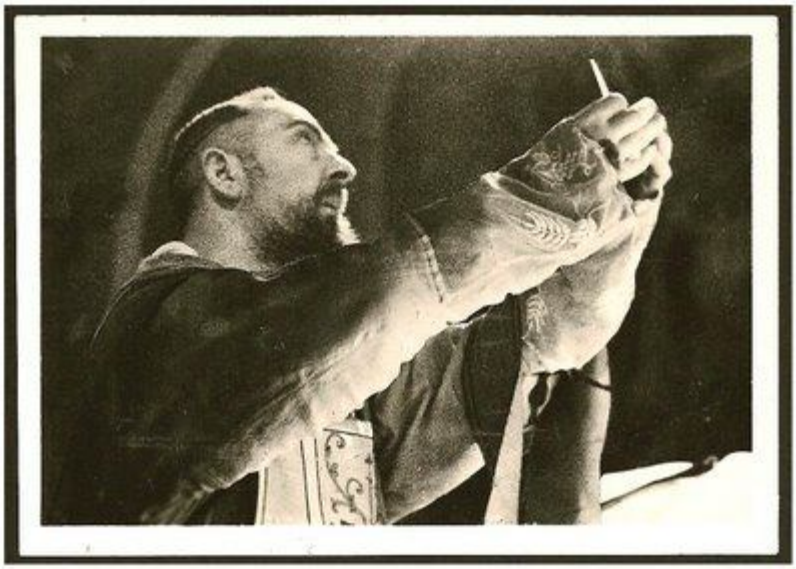
"In suffering we give something to God, wich we cannot do in Paradise."

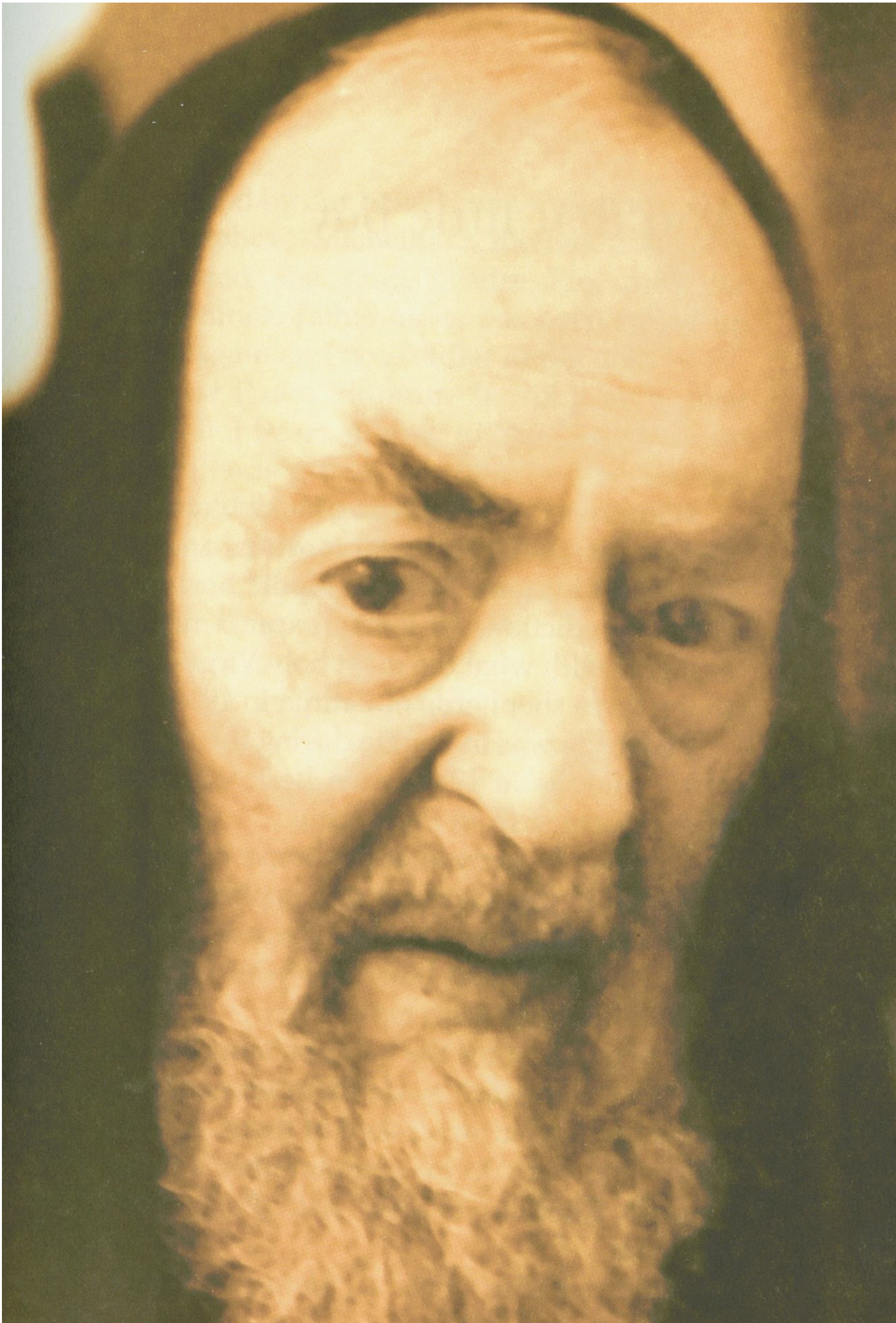
"He who begins to love must be ready to suffer."

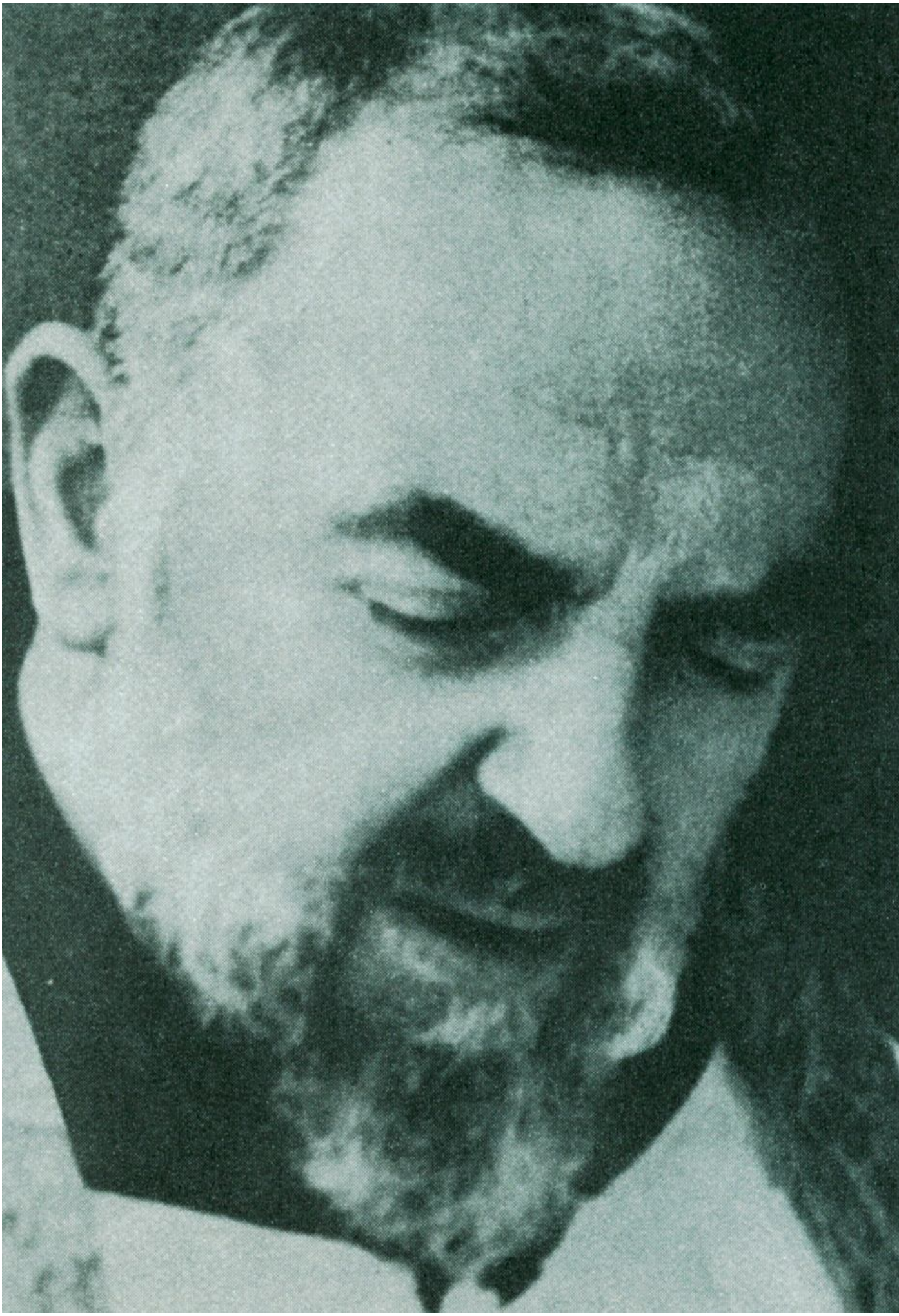
"Glory will be ours on condition that we endure suffering."

"Suffering is a most powerful lever to raise man up again."

Padre Pio



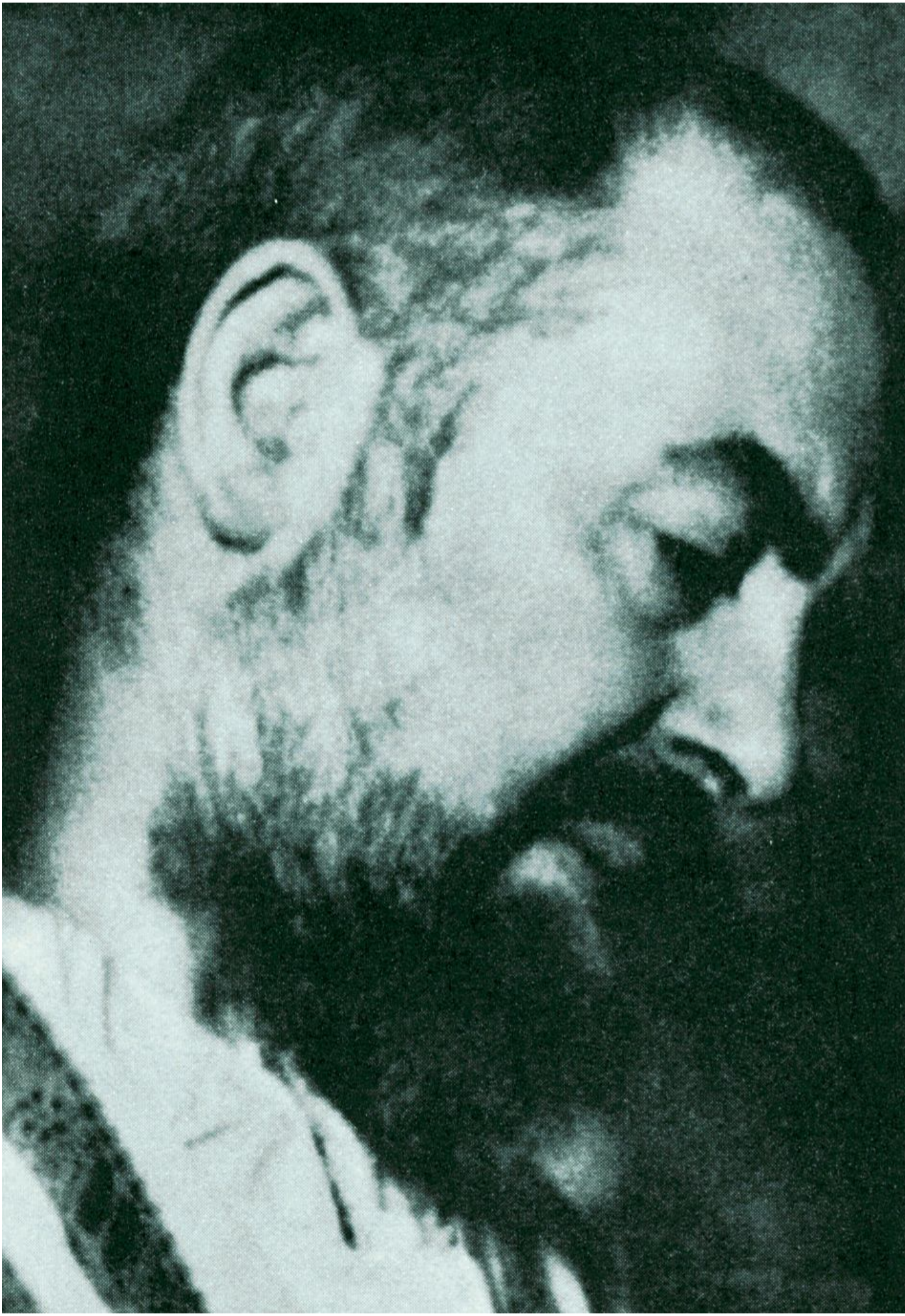




"The Angels are jealous of us because they can't suffer."

"Suffering is a sure sign that God loves us."

"Accepting the sufferings we will perfect and sanctify us."



Roughness

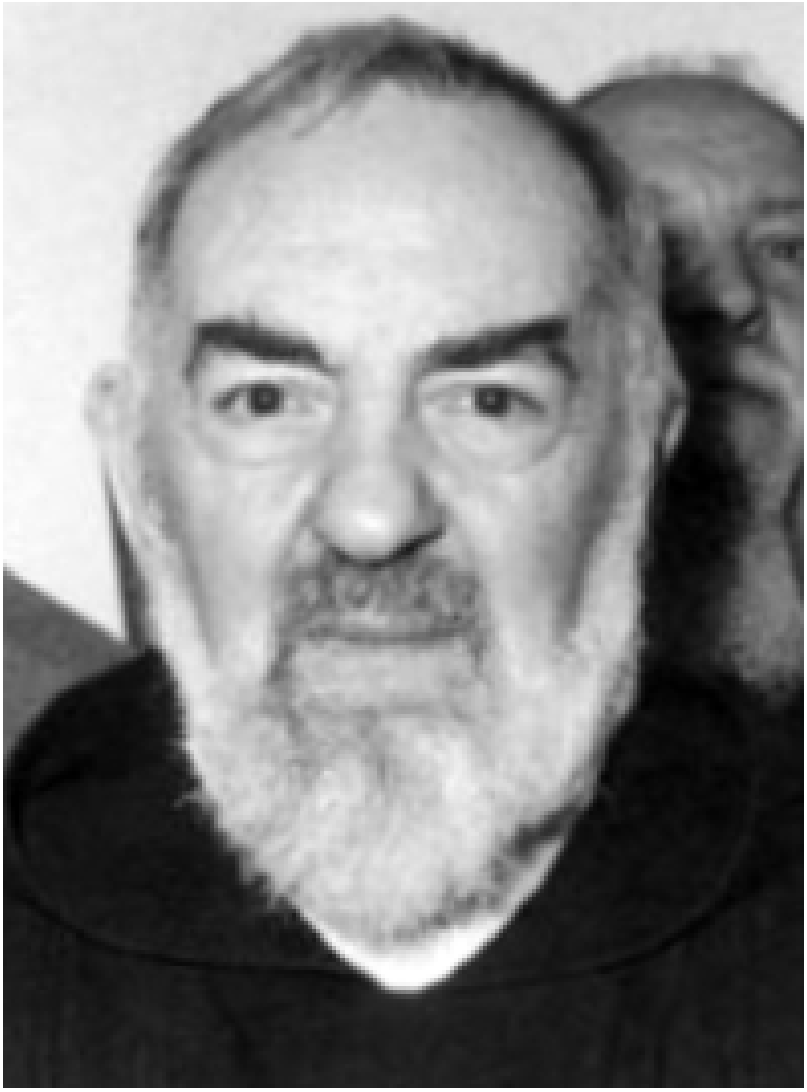
Padre Pio wanted to bring lost souls back to God as soon as possible:

"I can hit my children. I want to bring them up fast with blows".

Brusque manners were used at times by Padre Pio to shake up and bring repentance, to keep away the curious and the fanatics.

There was always a reason for his roughness.

People actually snipped bits off his habit with nail scissors when they knelt in the corridor as he was passing.



"Go away. What are you her for? What do you want from me?

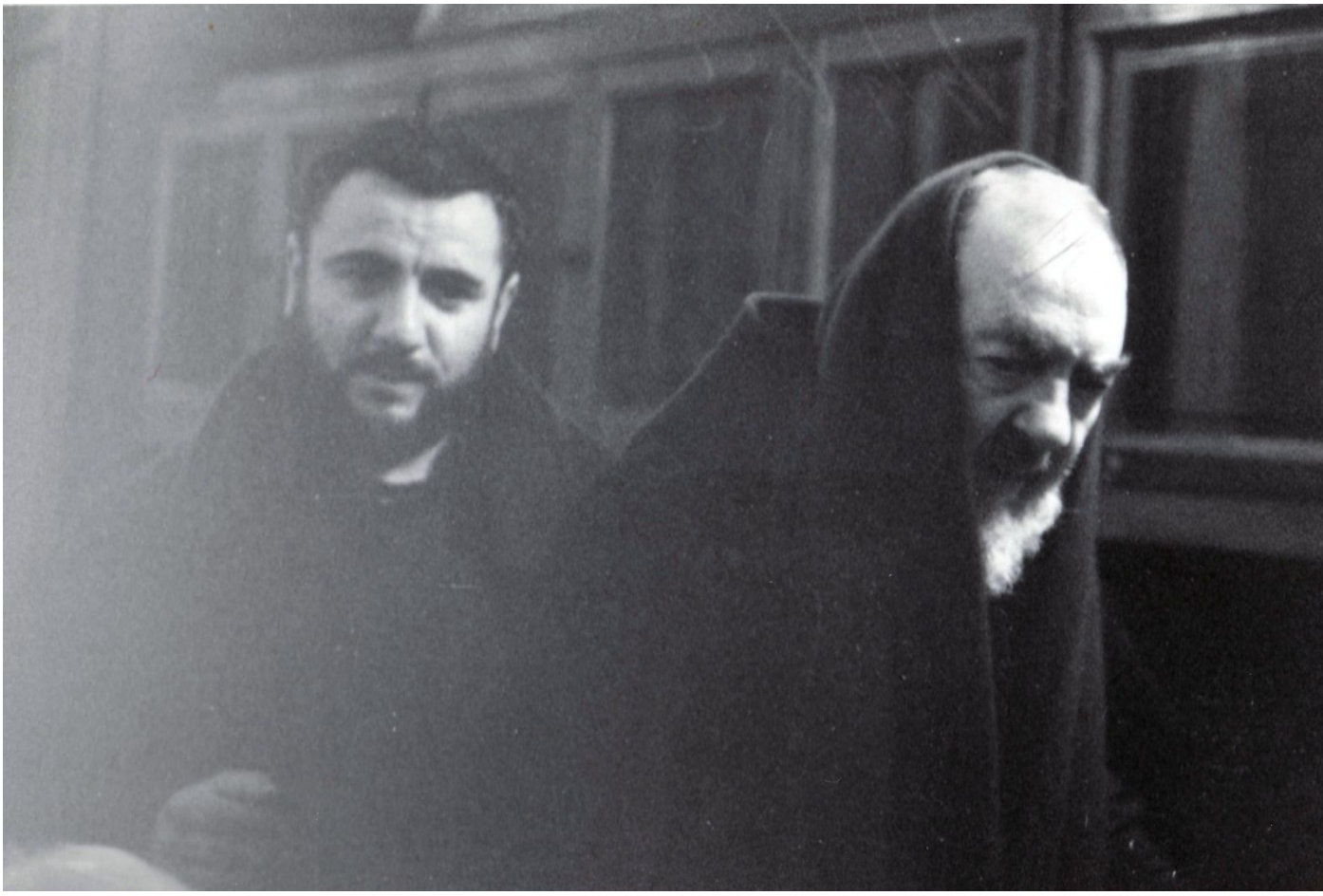
They cut my cord and habit with scissors. This is paganism. This is fanaticism."

"I'm forced to be rude. I am sorry, but if I don't act this way, they will kill me."

"I'm only superficially upset. But my heart is always calm and serene".

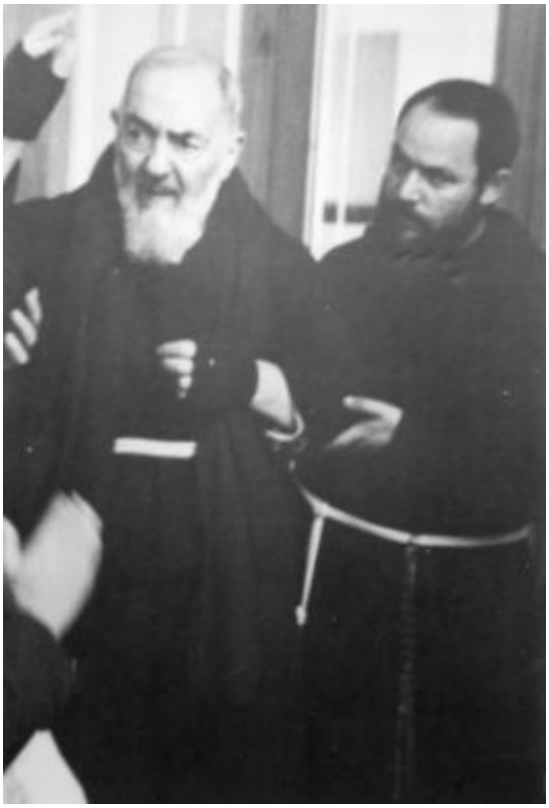
"Do as I do. if I have an outburst, internally I am always serene."

"Sometimes words must be a little angry externally, however, serenity never leaves me."



July 14, 1920 "I sometimes raise my voice when correcting people.

I realize that this is a shameful weakness. I regret it."



One day his spiritual director reproached him for his harsh conduct. He replied:

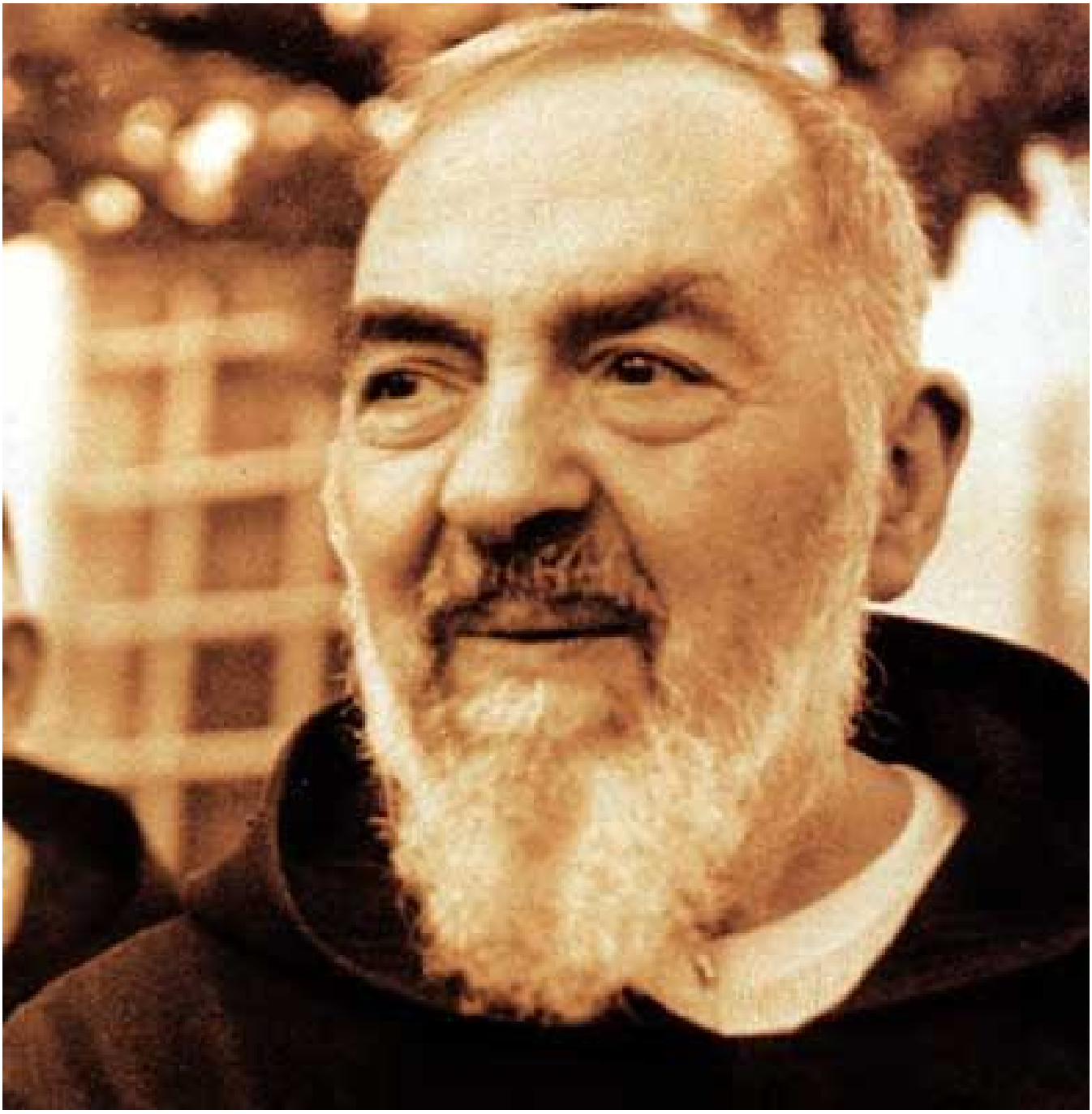
"I could obey you, but each time it is Jesus who tells me how I am to deal with people."

humour

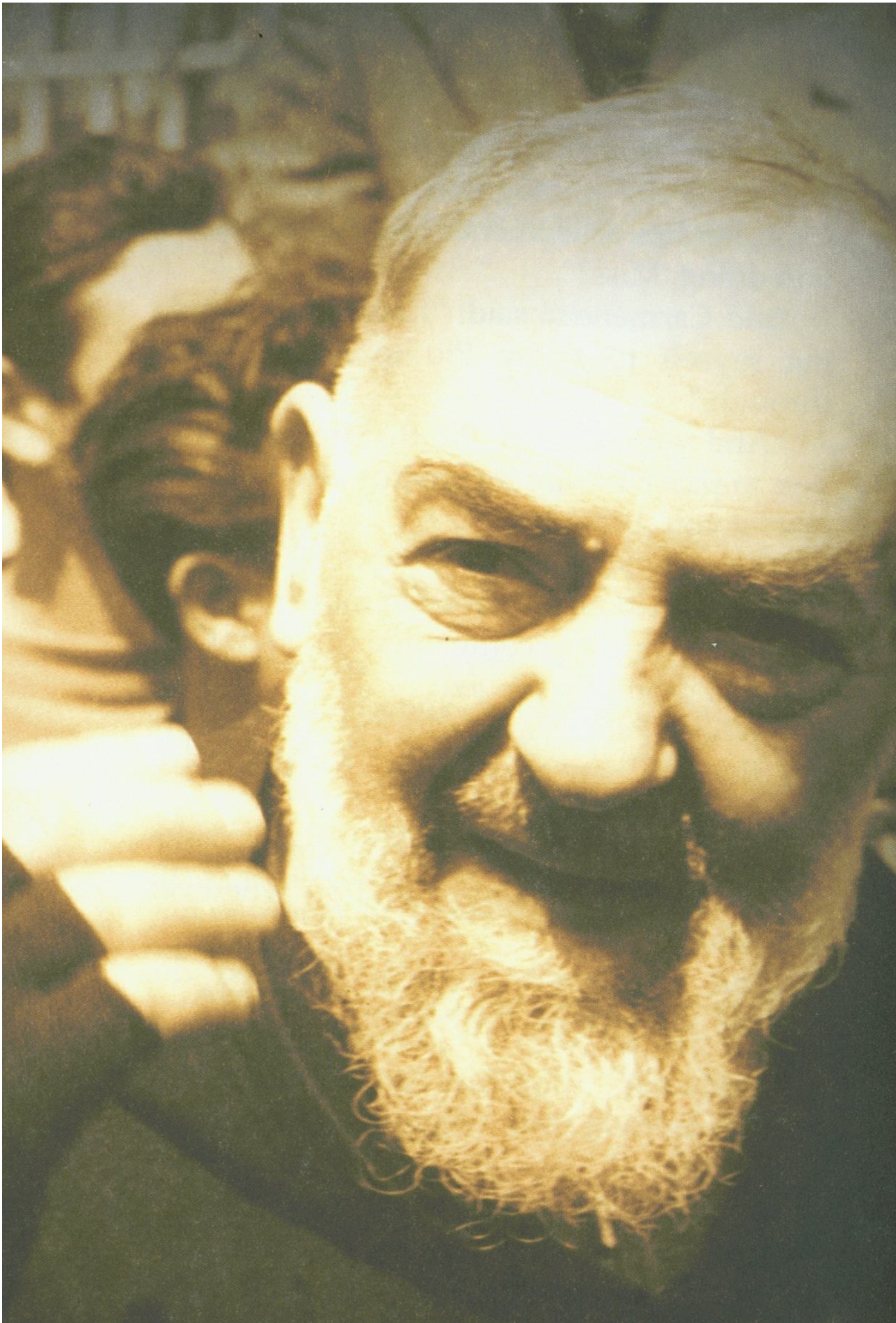
During a lightning. "Father lets move away from the transformer. Ten people were killed yesterday."

"We ran no risk of this. There are only two of us."

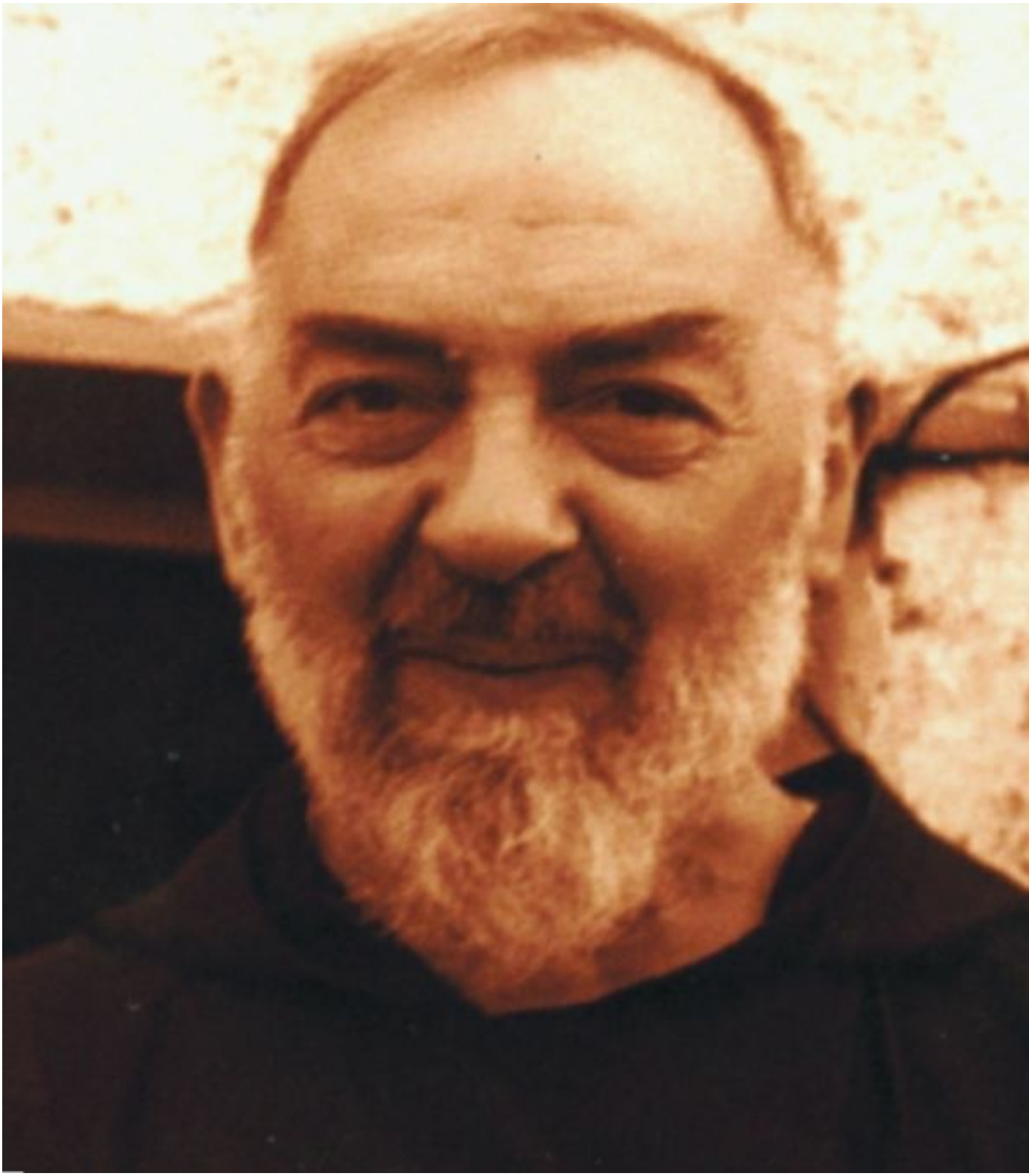
"Father I haven't smelt you perfume for a long time" "You are here with me so you don't need to."



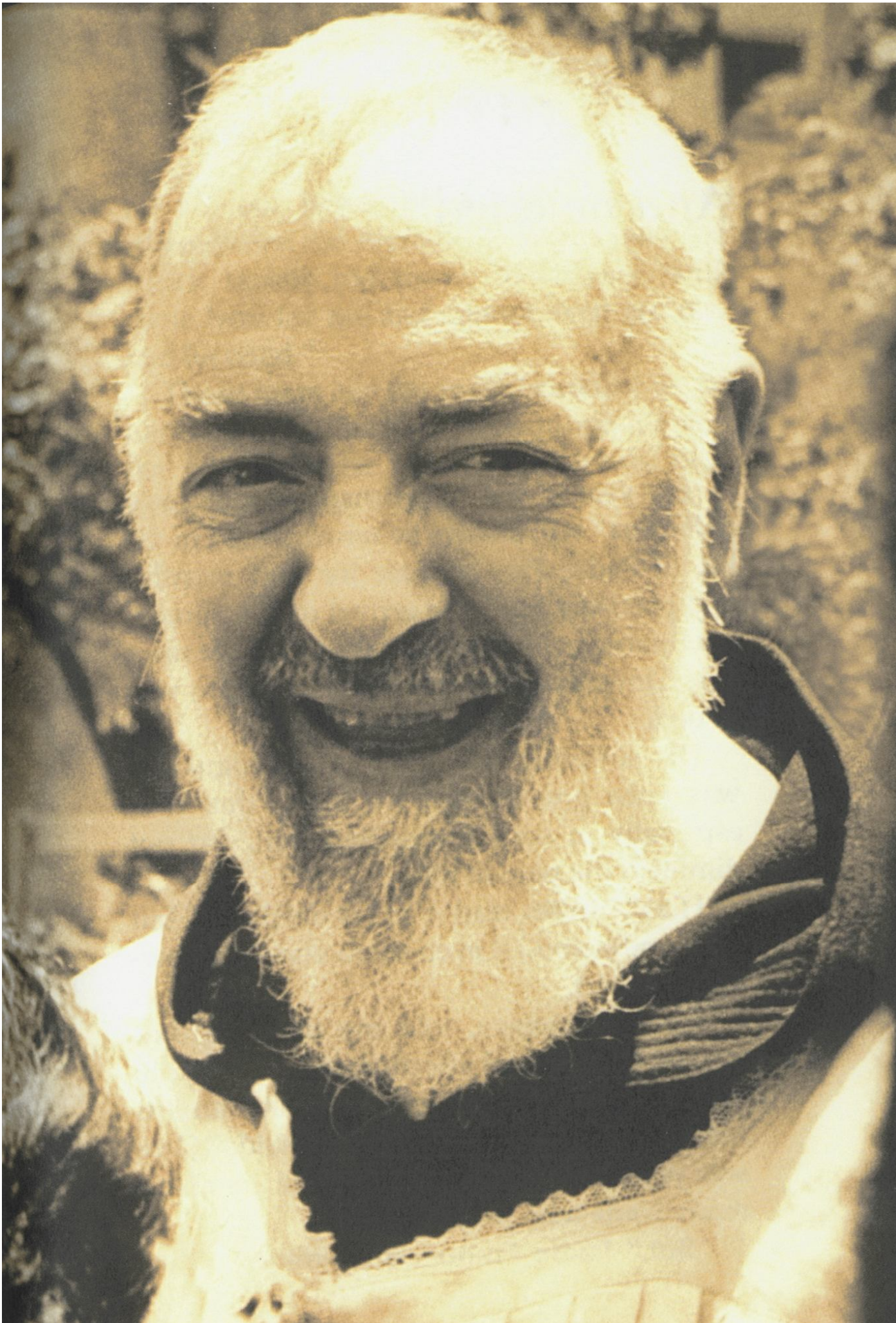
"What is like a sick person in between two doctors? A mouse between two cats!"



"Who enters first, the doctors or the lawyers? The butchers first and than the thieves ."



The drunken: "Why Lord you have given a thousand feet to this little caterpillar, and I can't hold myself up on two."



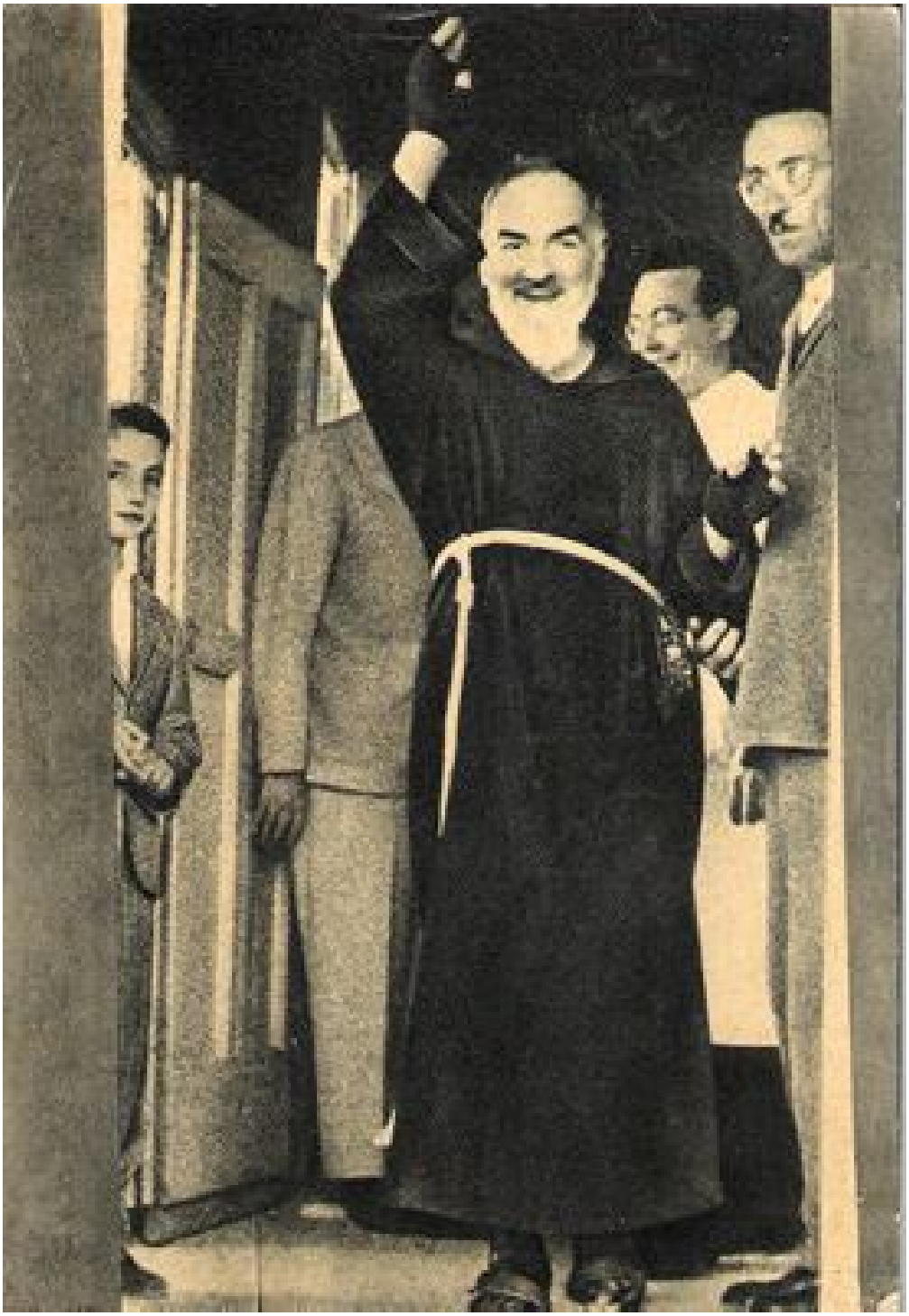
Padre Pio used to say frequently this anecdot:

The king was coming to inspect the troups, and the recruit was prepared by the sergeant: The King will ask you 3 questions:

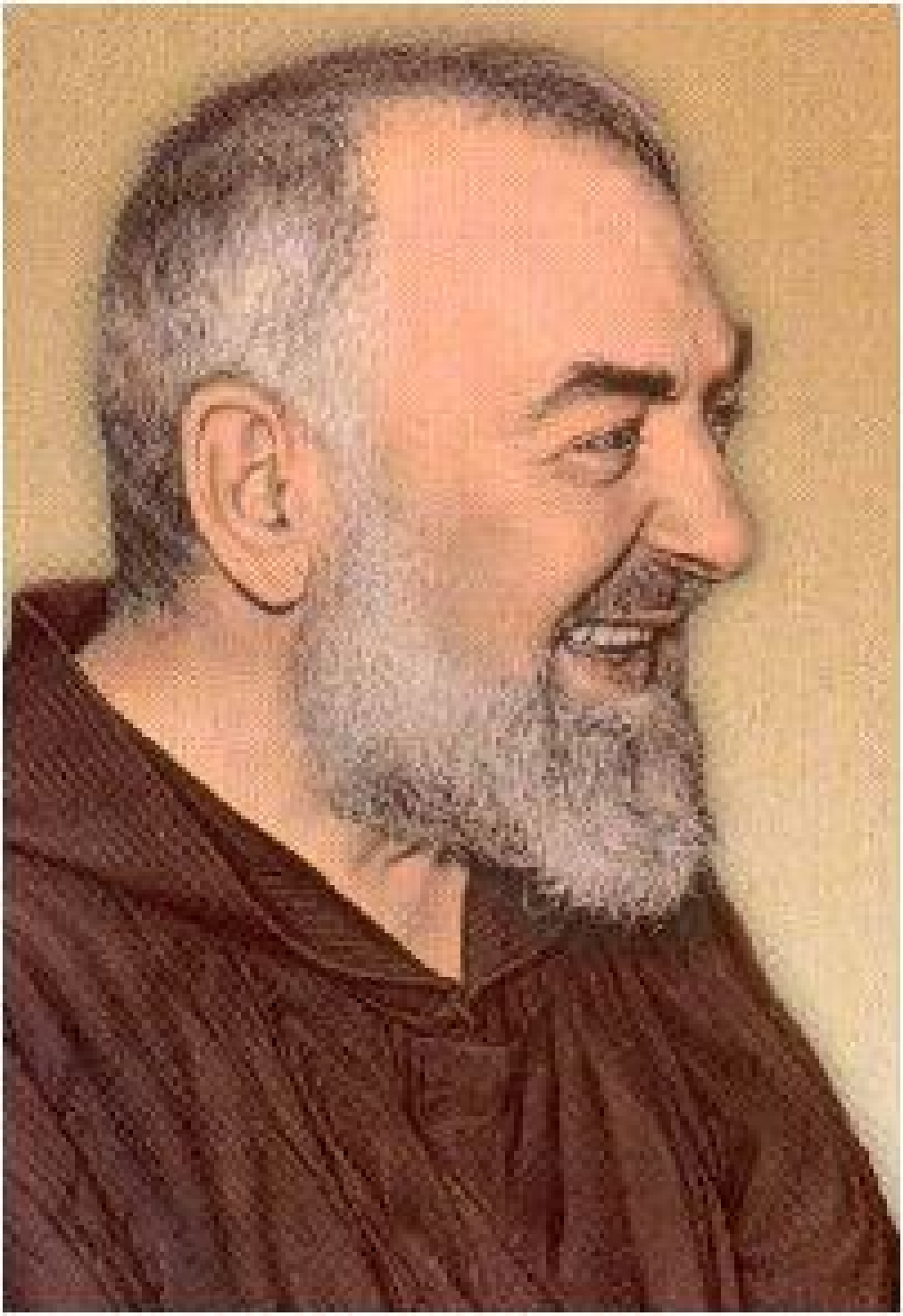
how old are you? Answer 22. How long have you been in the army? Answer 2. Whom you like most, your king or your country? Answer: both.

Tthe king came and asked the recruit: How many years have you been in the army? 22. How old are you? 2.

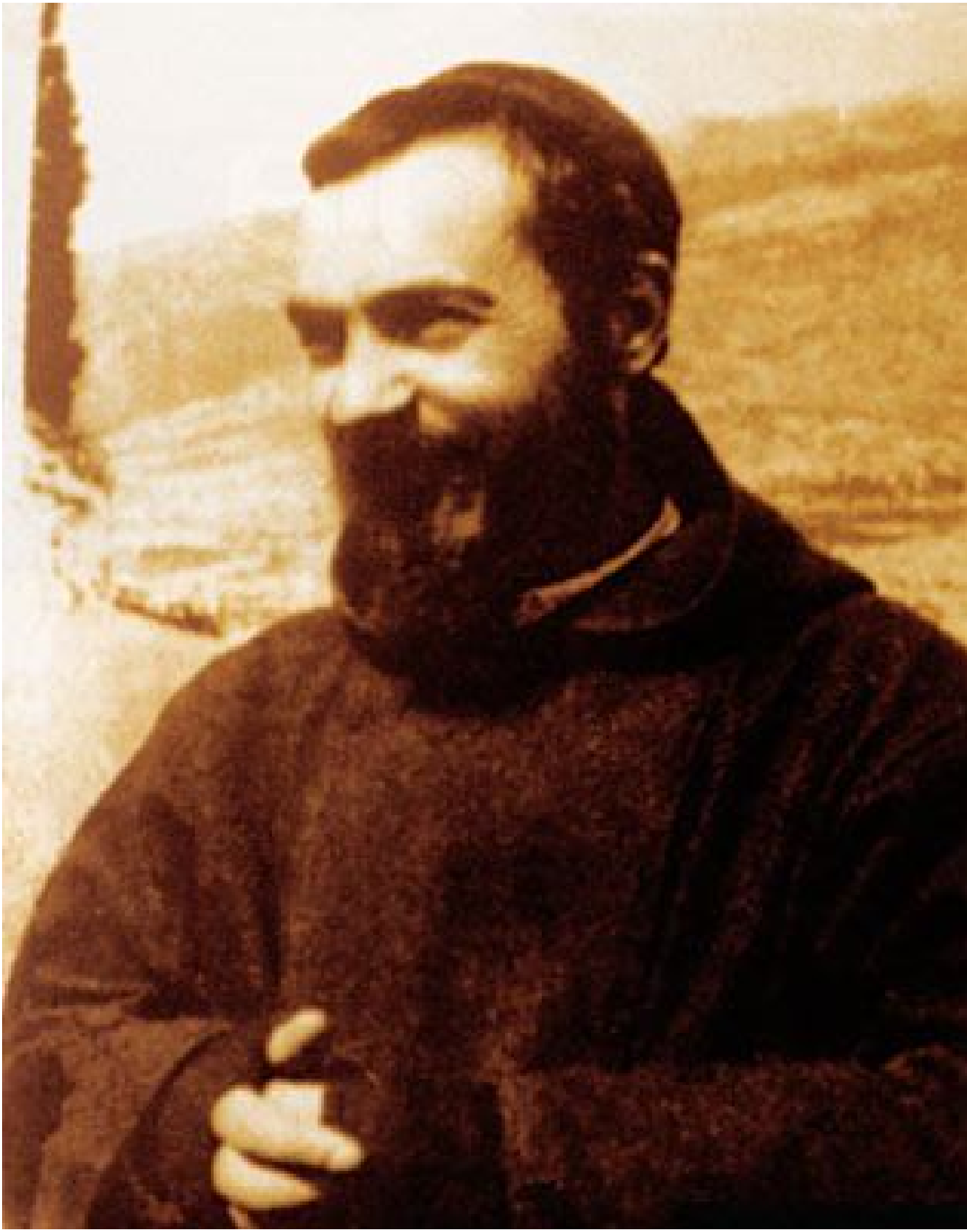
The king got frustrated and said: Either of us is stupid. The recruits answer:"Both your majesty."



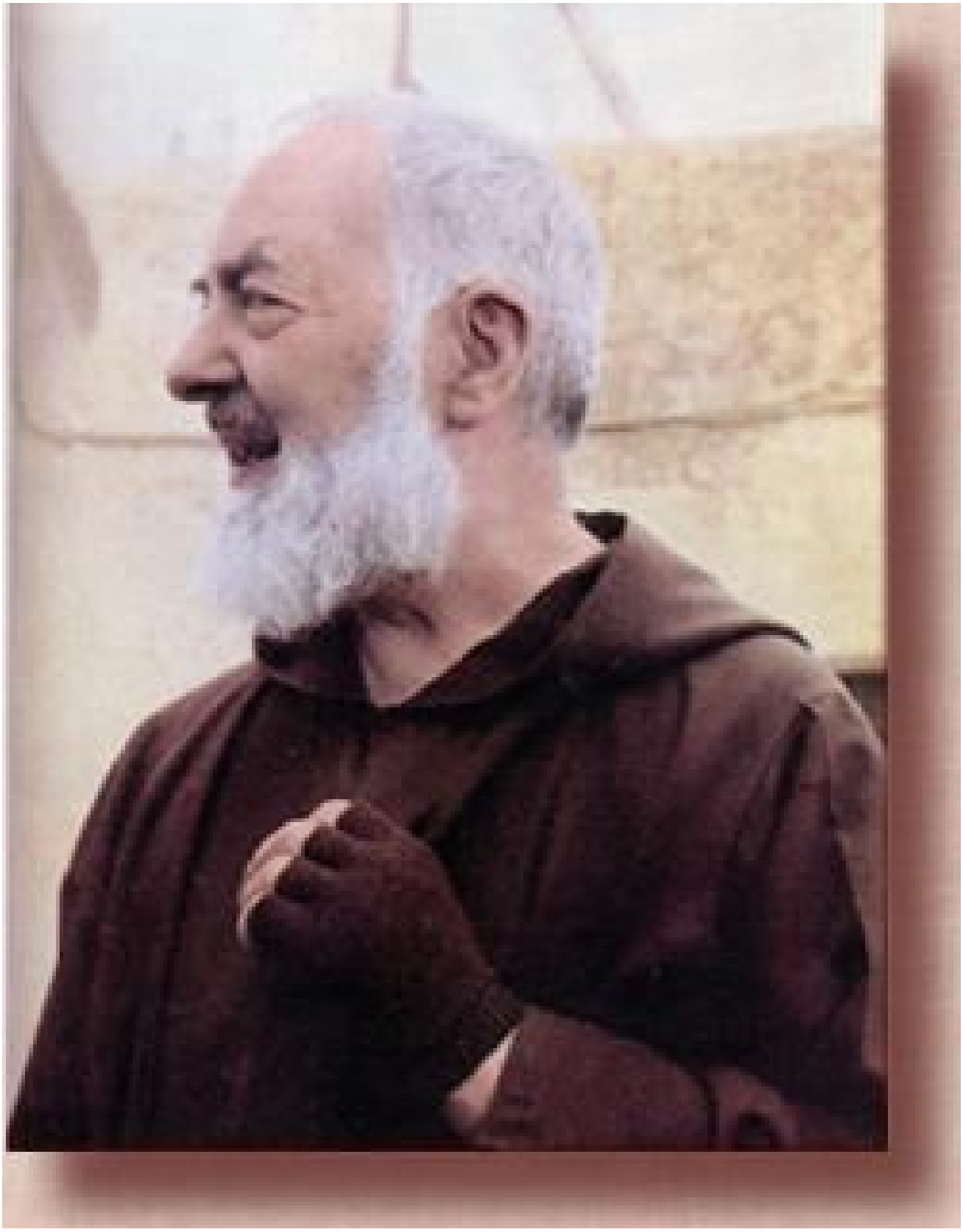
"Keep an attitude of holy joyousness, that gives encouragement to others."



"When I am dead I will make an even bigger din than when I was alive."



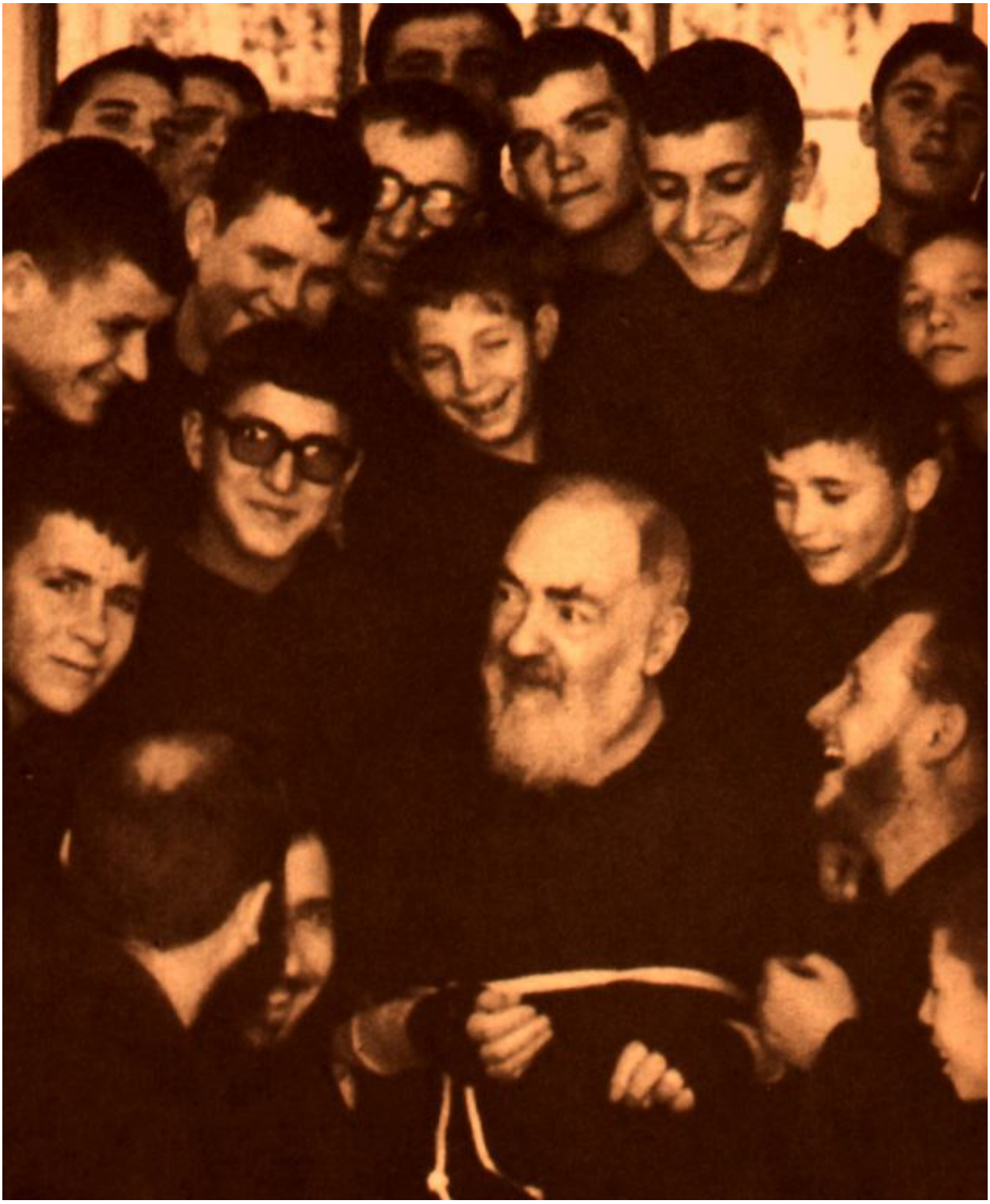
About his painful sufferings: "Well, a fool was needed for this".

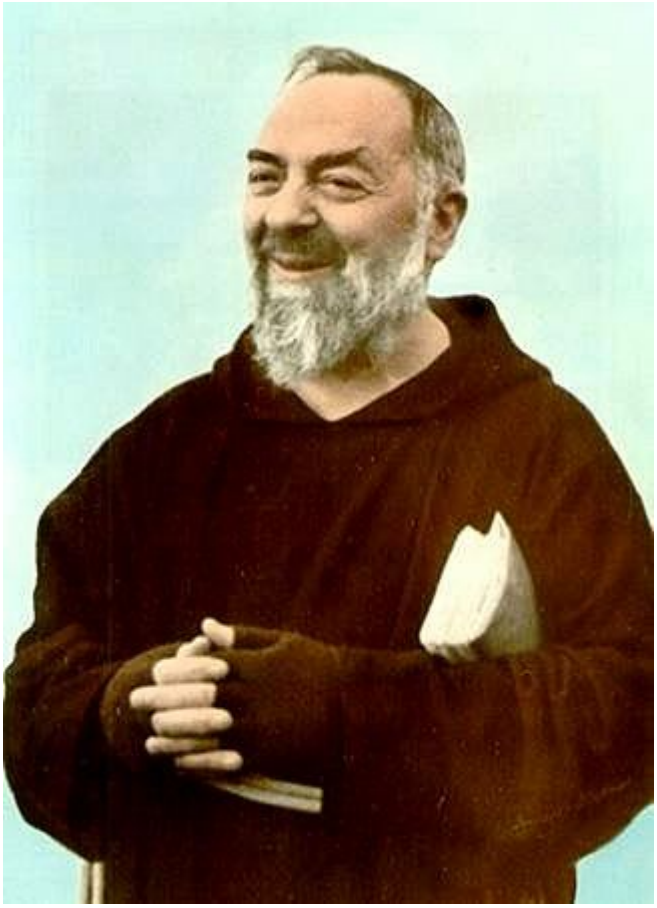


Fra Modestino: "Father, please bless this bottle of wine". After some perplexity he did the blessing, and than said: "I did my first miracle today."

The wine was excellent. Days later the wine maker was jailed for using water and powders, instead of grapes, to make the wine.

A man went to confession on short sleeves: "Either you wear long sleeves or shorten your arms."

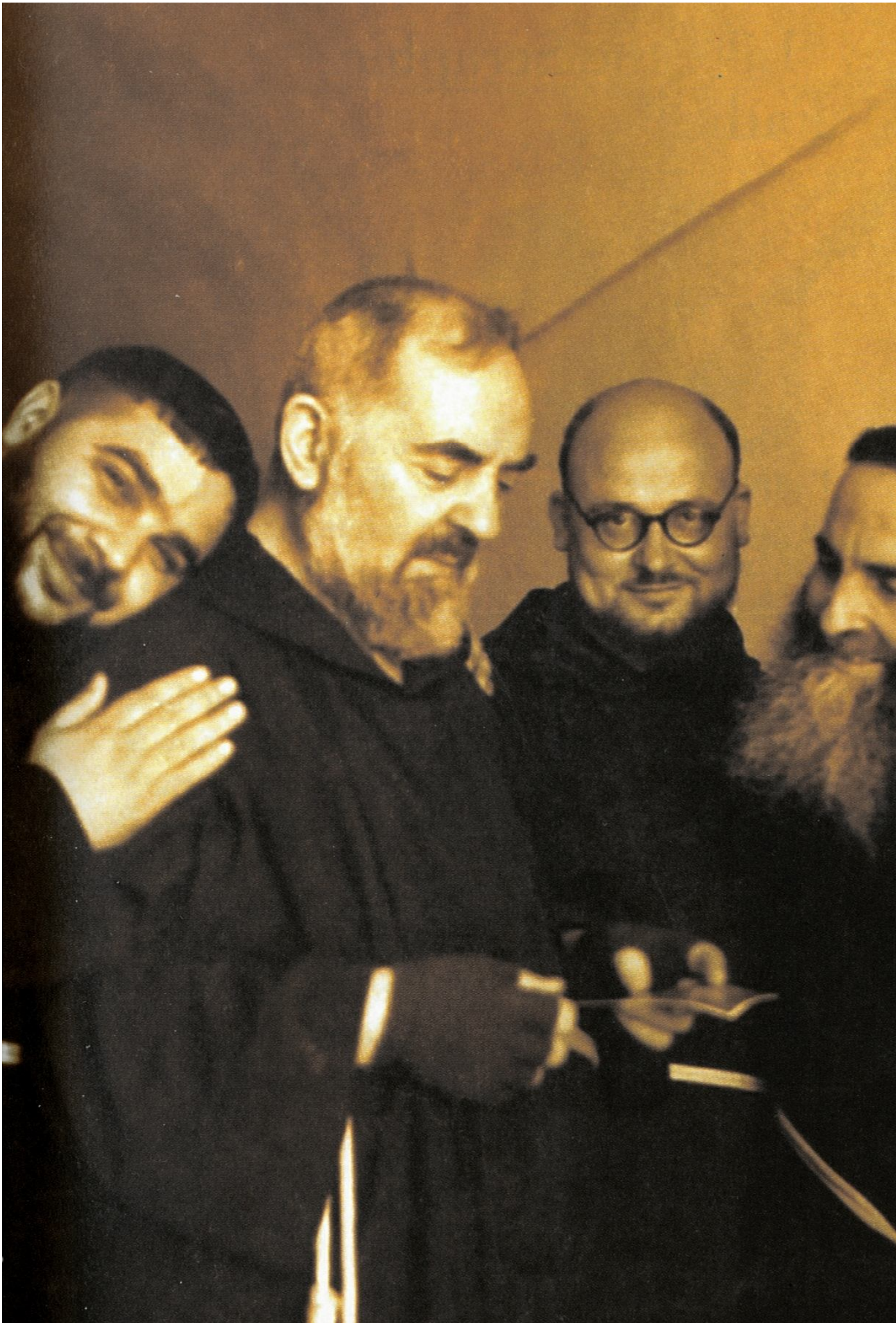




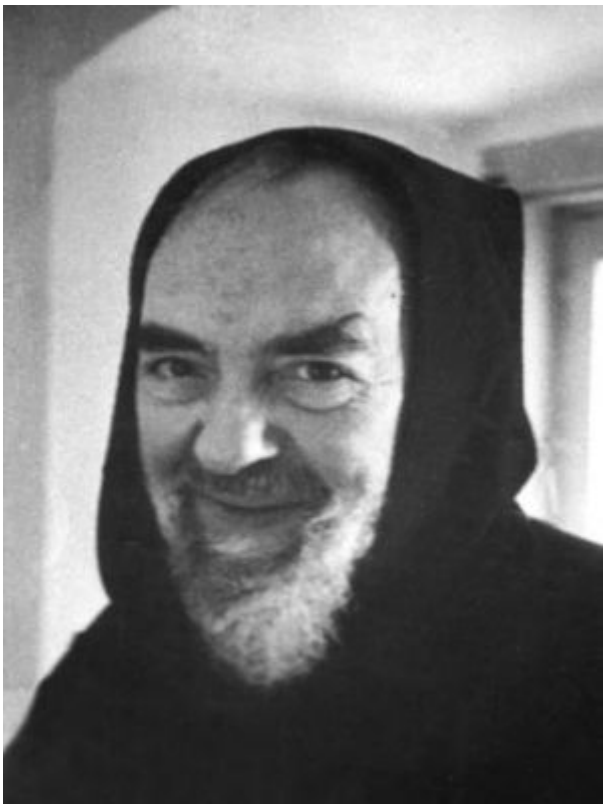
A story Padre Pio loved to tell. An old peasant had never been on a train, and bought a round-trip ticket.

He was terrorized by all the noise when the train started to pick-up speed. When the train plunged in a tunnel he asked:

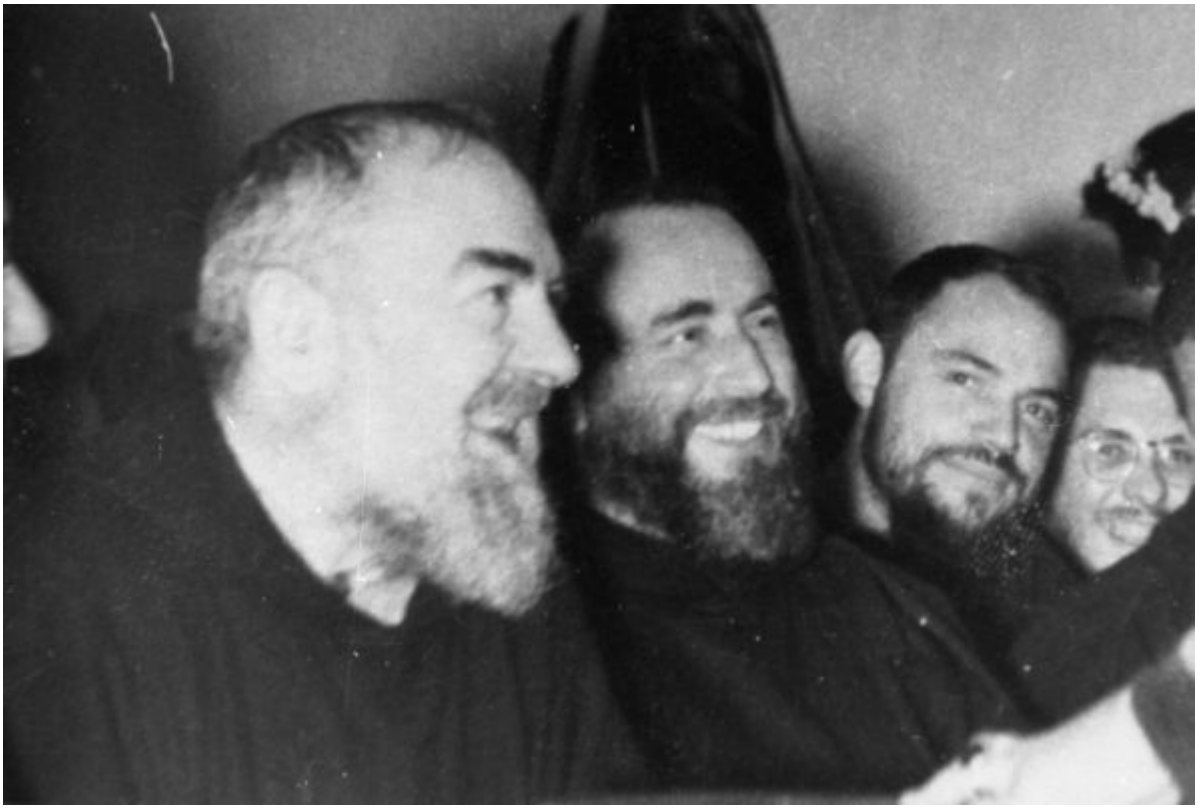
'What is happening now?' Just entering hell.' 'Oh that's all right. I have got a return ticket.'



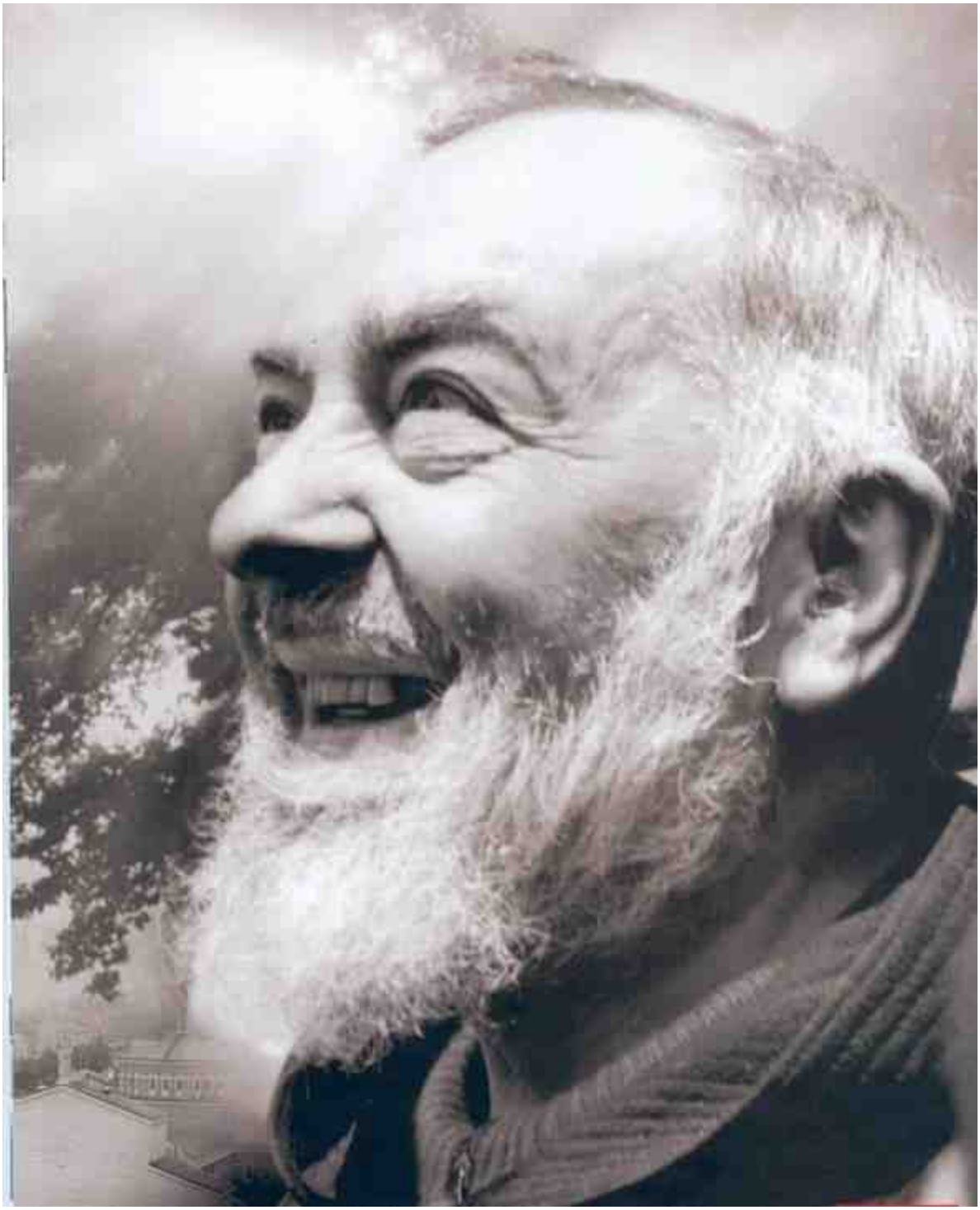
What do you think of the crypt under construction? "I think it's smallish and I will feel suffocated."



Visiting the crypt under construction: "I will spend very little time here below."

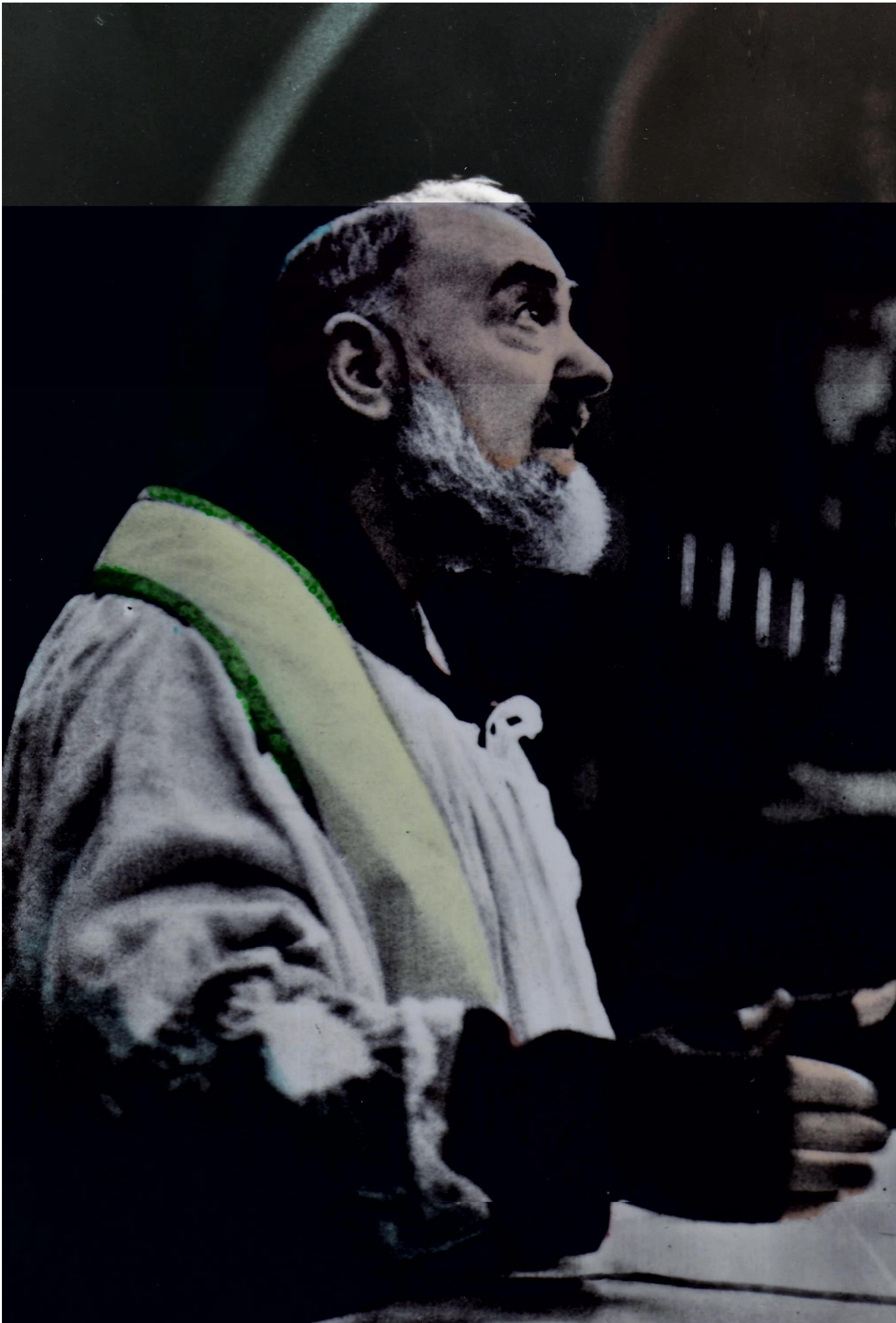


'Father, a relative of mine has been sick for the past 2 years. What should I tell him?' "Tell him that I have been sick for 70 years."



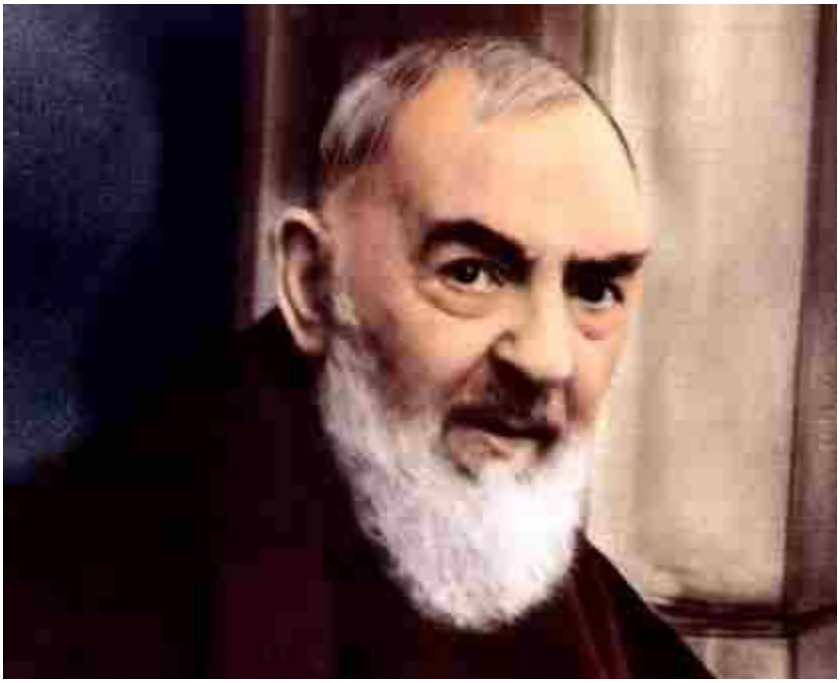
God

God is always fixed in my mind and imprinted in my heart.



"If God would take back what he gave us, we would be left with our rags."

Father, I don't believe in God. "But God, my son, believes in you."



"God tolerates us, even when we offend him."

"As long as one has God as a foundation everything else falls into place."

"God loves man with an infinite love"

"when God punishes He does so with reverence, almost fearing to hurt."

"Life without the love of God is worse than death."

"Confidence and fear of God go together like two sister."

"Let's look beyond the hand of men, to find the hand of God."

"Always remember that God sees everything."

"God is terrible justice and infinite mercy."

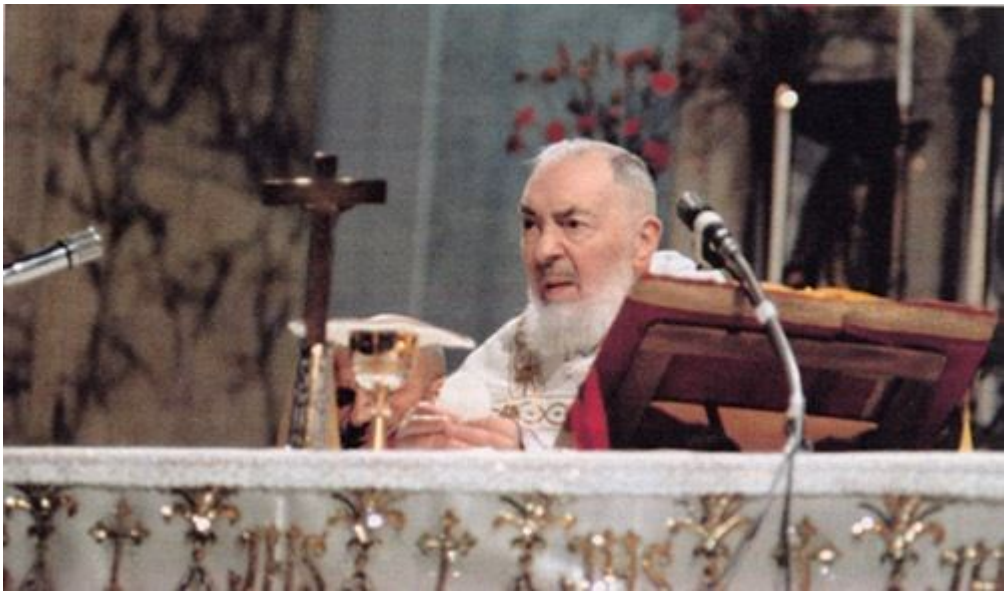
"God will always give us more than we deserve."

"Honor and praise the Creator and not the creature."

'Don't wait for Tabor to see God: you already see Him on the Sinai and on the Calvary."

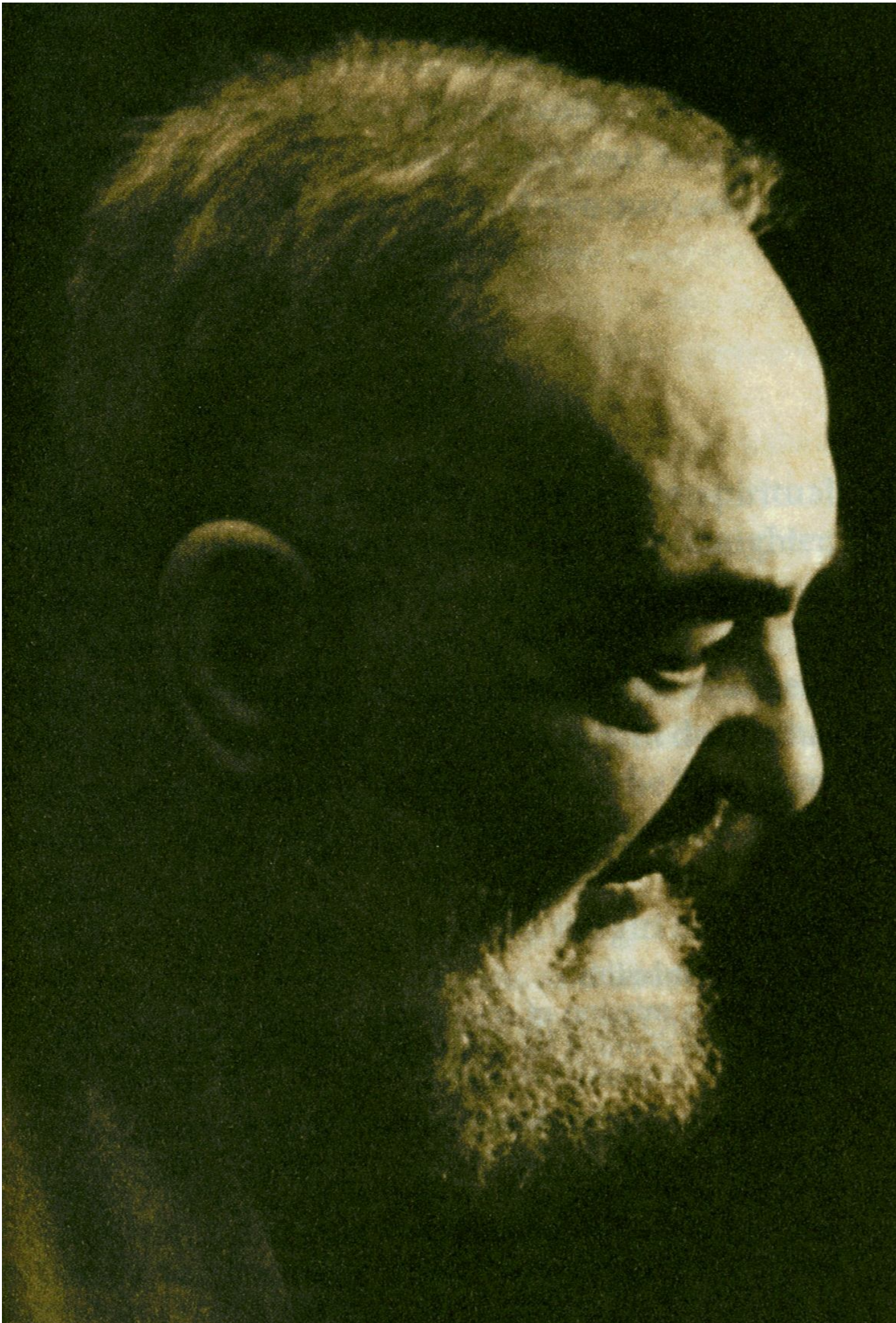
"One day the slightest transgression of God's law will be considered."

"Before going to sleep examine your conscience and turn your thoughts to God."



"The Lord allows us to discover who we are a little at a time."

"The sinner who is ashamed of his bad deeds is closer to God than the just ashamed of acting well."



"Time spent for the glory of God is never wasted."

"Endure tribulation, sickness and pain for the love of God."

"God goes in search of obstinate souls."

"Implore the Lord to increase two things in us: love and fear."

"God tolerates us when we offend Him."

"God enriches a humble heart with his gifts."

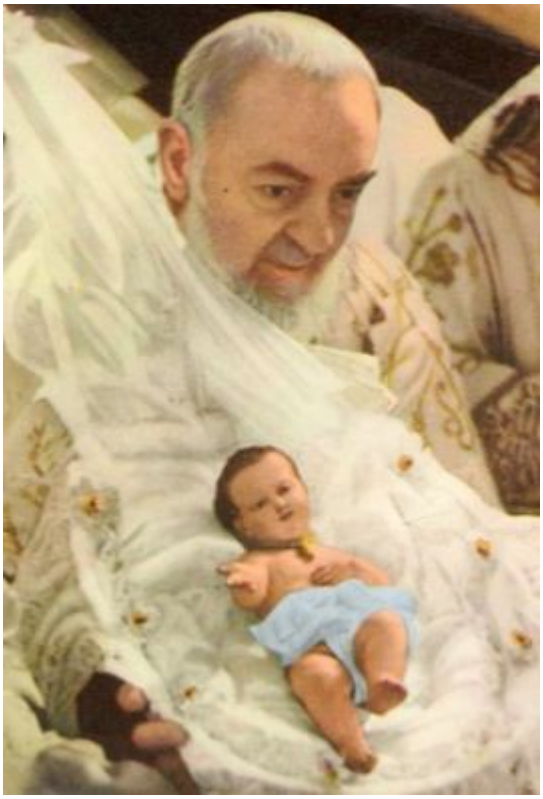
God's fear Timor di Dio

"As long as you are afraid to fall, you will not sin.

You should be afraid when you are not afraid anymore."

Jesus

Padre Pio reached the highest possible fusion for a human being with the God Man Jesus, from the Garden to the Cross.



"Without Jesus you can do nothing."

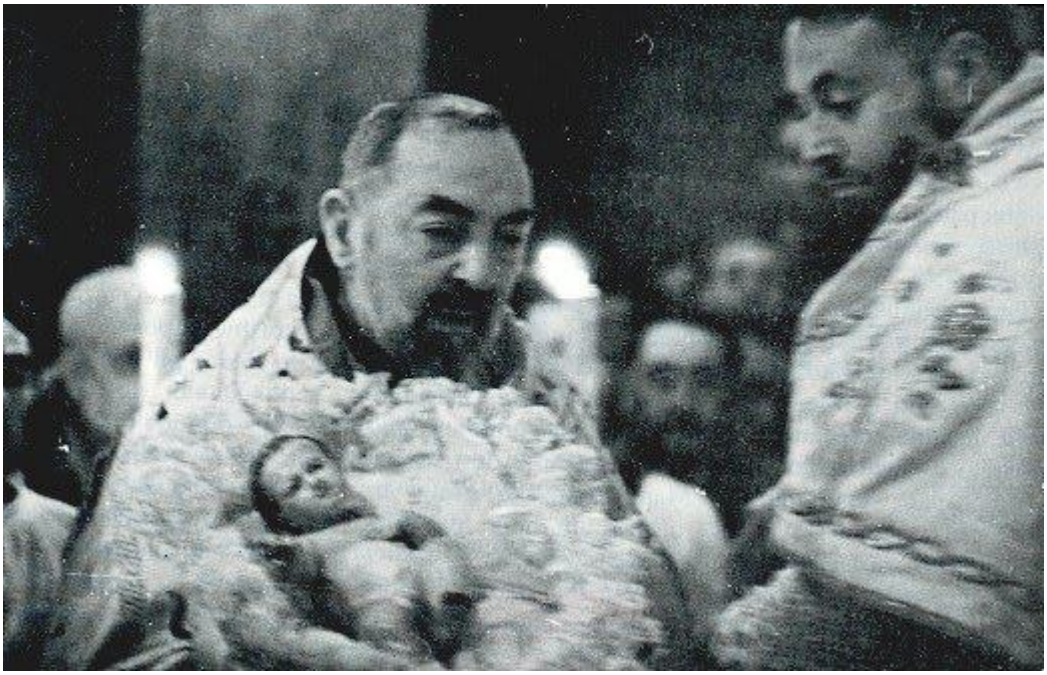
"In the end, the gamble of our life is all in this Child."

"In Jesus everything has an answer. Without him - only a big void."

"My desire of loving Jesus is infinite."

"When I am no longer here, go before the tabernacle. In Jesus you will find me, also".

"From the Calvary we go to the Tabor."



I live for Jesus Christ, I live for his glory, I live to serve him, I live to love him.

"Jesus doesn't ask you to carry the heavy Cross with Him; just a small piece."

"Everybody has his own Cross. We must be like the good thief and not like the bad one."

"As the body needs nourishment, the soul needs the Cross to purify and detach."

"Bearing physical and spiritual ailments is the worthiest gift we can offer to Jesus."

"The foot of the Cross is the gate to Heaven."

"Life is a Calvary, but we must climb it cheerfully."

"On the Calvary Jesus redeemed us, and salvation must be accomplished there."

"If He asks us to carry the Cross, the Lord will help and give strength."

"My past, O Lord, to your mercy; my present, to your love; my future, to your providence!"

I live for Jesus Christ, I live for his glory, I live to serve him, I live to love him.

Holy Spirit

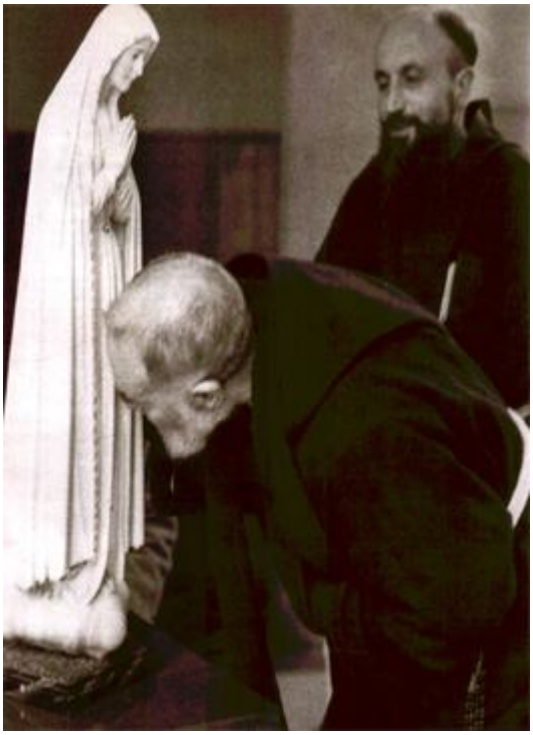
Let's pray the Paraclete Spirit that he enlightens us about three thing:

understanding the importance of being Christians,

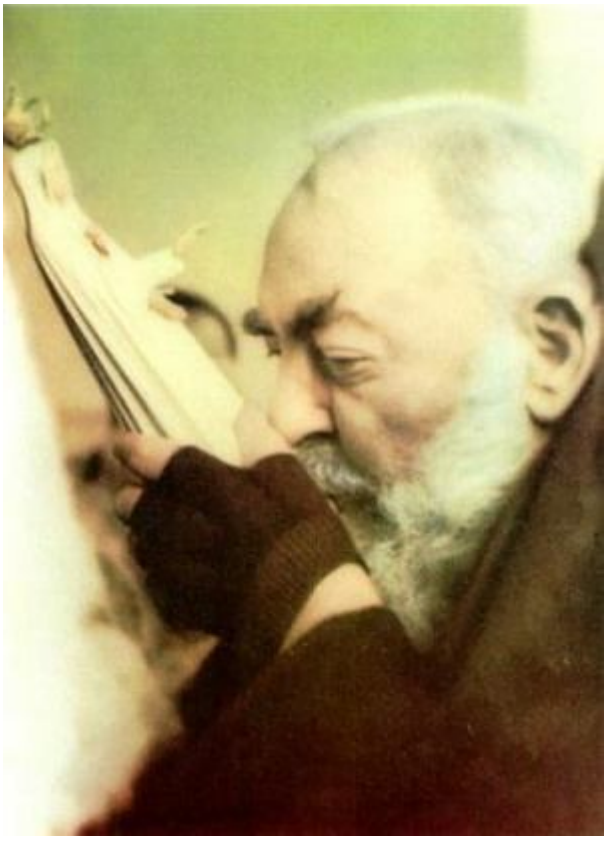
understanding the immensity of the eternal heritage to which we are destined,

understanding the extreme greatness of the miracle of 'justification'.

Mary



Padre Pio had an astonishingly unconditional, total, perennial, unwavering love for the Virgin Mary.

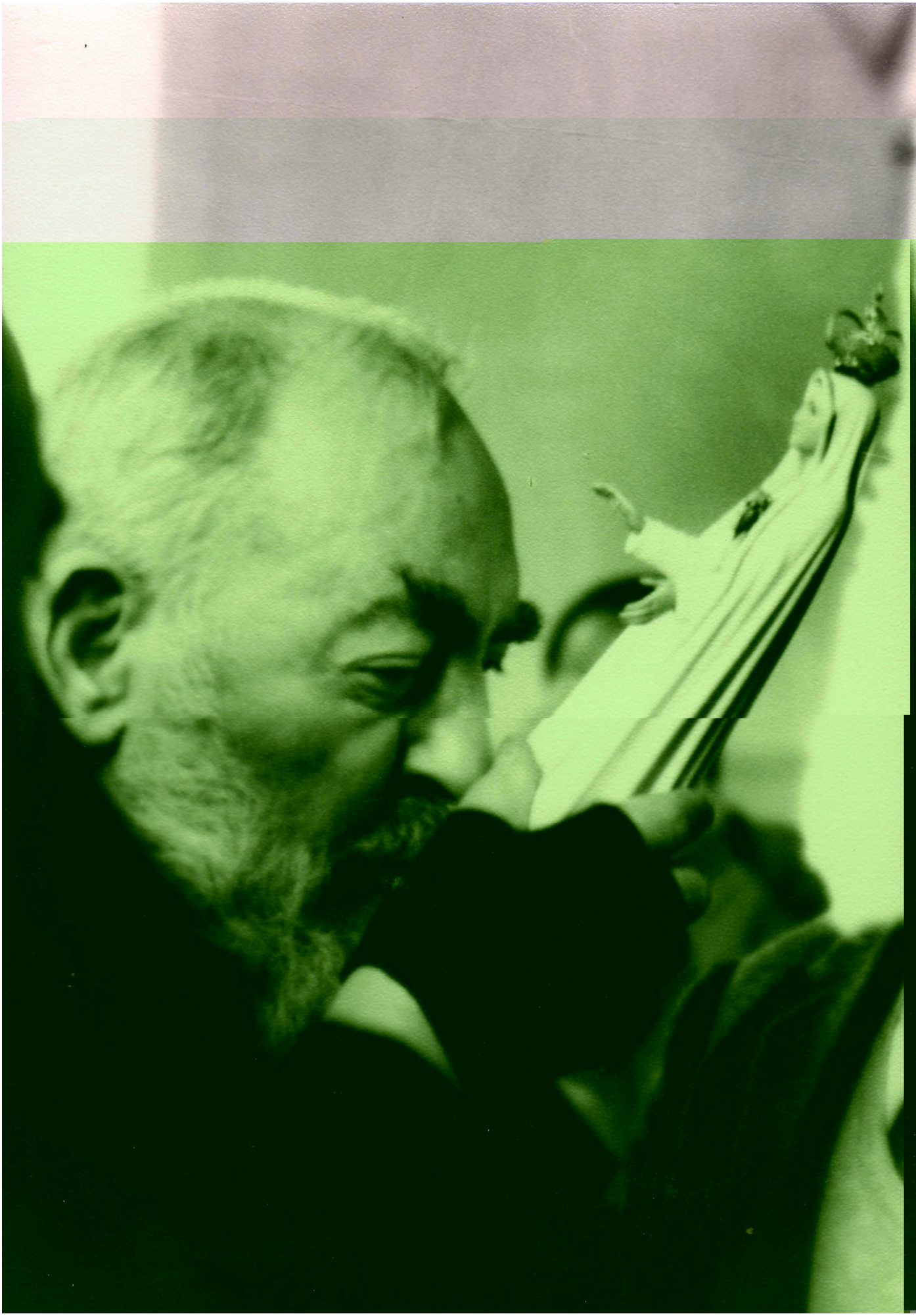


He would call her in many different ways. Some of them: Maria, Madonna, Mamma, Mammina, Madre, Madonnina, Madonnella,

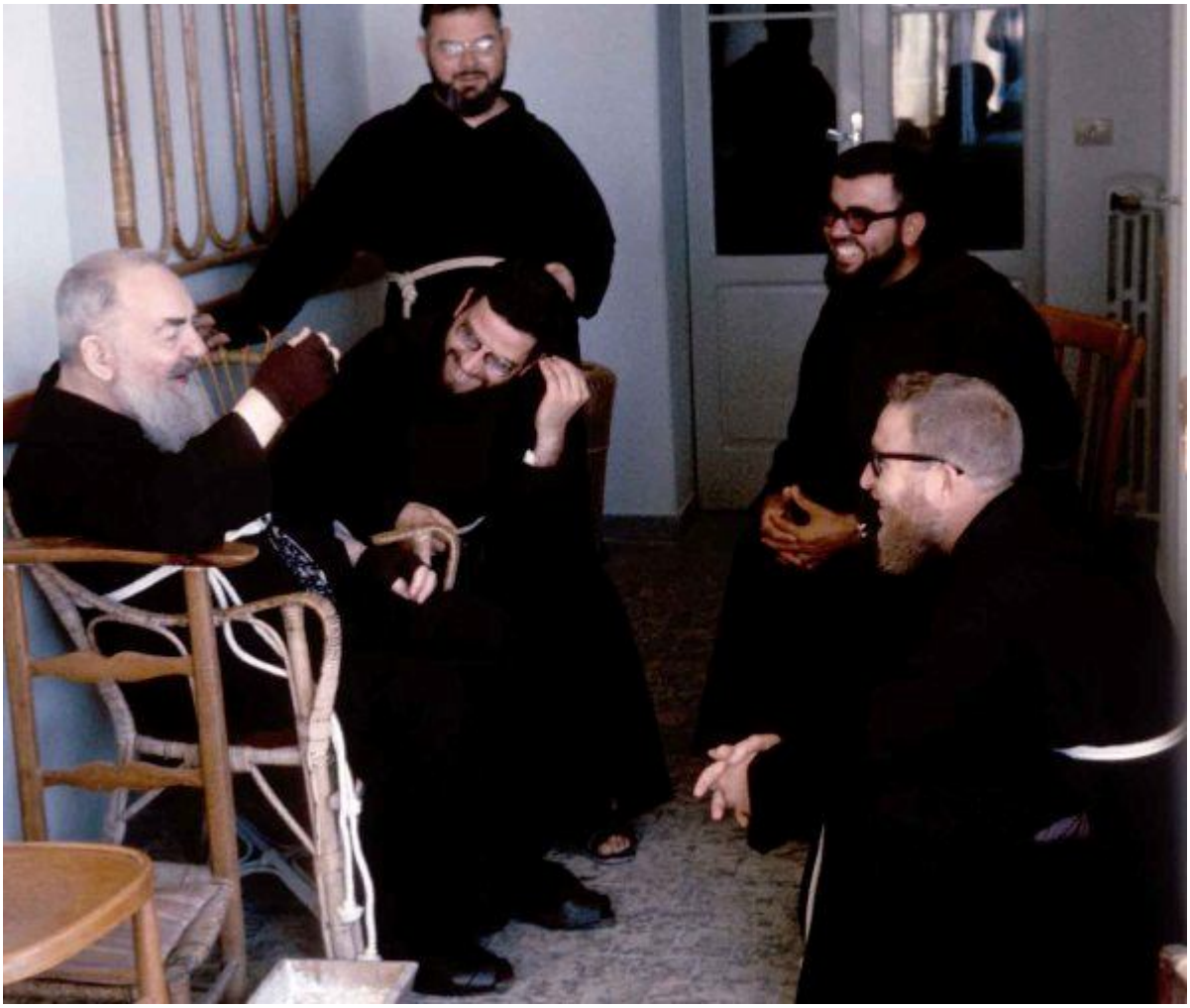
Signora, Vergine Maria, Madre Maria, Diletta Madre, Tenera Madre, Madre mia cara, Celeste Madre,

Madre di Misericordia, Bianca Signora, Maria Santissima, Mamma mia, Madre Immacolata, Santissima Vergine, Cara Madre,

Mamma dolcissima, Madonna Mia, Mamma nostra, Dolce Signora, Vergine Santa, Madonna delle Grazie.



"Love the Madonna, and make people to love her."



"abandon yourself in the hands of Mary. She will take care of you."

"Let's pray the Madonna of Graces. She will heal you." After. "Mary healed you, not me."

Padre Pio used to say: "One day Our Lord making rounds of Paradise saw some strange faces. He asked Peter: Who let these people in?

Peter: 'There is nothing i can do.' The Lord: 'But you have the key.' Peter: 'There is nothing I can do, and you can't do either.'

The Lord: 'What do you mean?' 'It's your mother. She has another key. She let's them in.'

On the cell #5 "Mary is the whole reason of my hope." (St. Bernard.)

To Padre Onorato going to Lourdes. "I have been to Lourdes many times.

You don't need a car or a train, there are other means too."

One evening Dr. Kisvarday was talking with Padre Pio in his cell when the light went off. He got up to get a candle.

"Were are you going? There is so much light. We don't need a candle. Don't you see the Madonna lighting up the cell?"

Dr. Kisvarday: I didn't see the Madonna, I saw only pitch dark.

"The Madonna is the shortcut to get to God."

Father Tarcisio Zullo: 'Father, is the Madonna at this moment in this room?'

Padre Pio: "Wrong formulation. You should have asker 'Did the Madonna ever leave this room?' "

Church

"I want to live and die in the (Roman Catholic) Church."

"The Church is always a mother even when it strikes."

"The Church is our most tender mother."

"Thank God for being a child of the Church."

"Only the Catholic Church possesses Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament."

"The first person I remember in prayer is the Pope, Christ's Vicar."

Guardian Angel

"My guardian angel has been my friend since tender age."

"Your Guardian Angel prays for you; offers to God all the good works you accomplish; your holy and pure desires."

"when you seem to be alone here a friendly soul to whom

you can unburden yourself and in whom you can confide your sorrows."

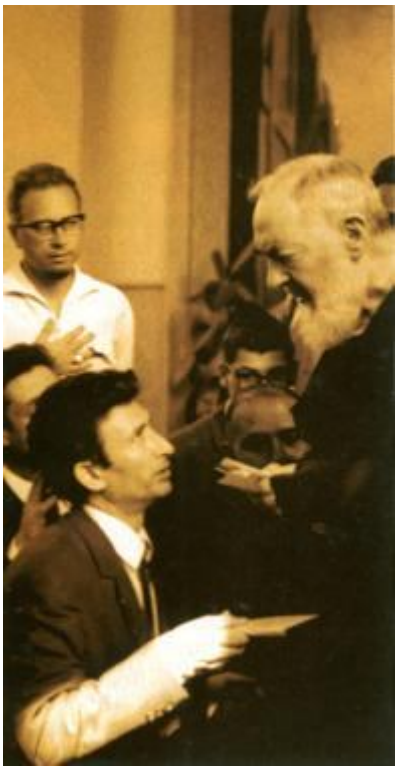
"do not forget this invisible companion, always present to listen to you; always ready to console you."

"Invoke often this Guardian Angel, and repeat the beautiful prayer: 'Oh Angel of God...'."

"What consolation when, at the moment of death, you will see this Angel,

who accompanied you through life and was so liberal in maternal care. "

"May the desire to see this inseparable companion incite you to leave this body quickly."



" Oh if all men could understand this great gift that God, assigned to us; this celestial spirit. "

"Often remember his presence; thank him; pray to him; Respect him;

be in constant fear of offending the purity of his gaze."

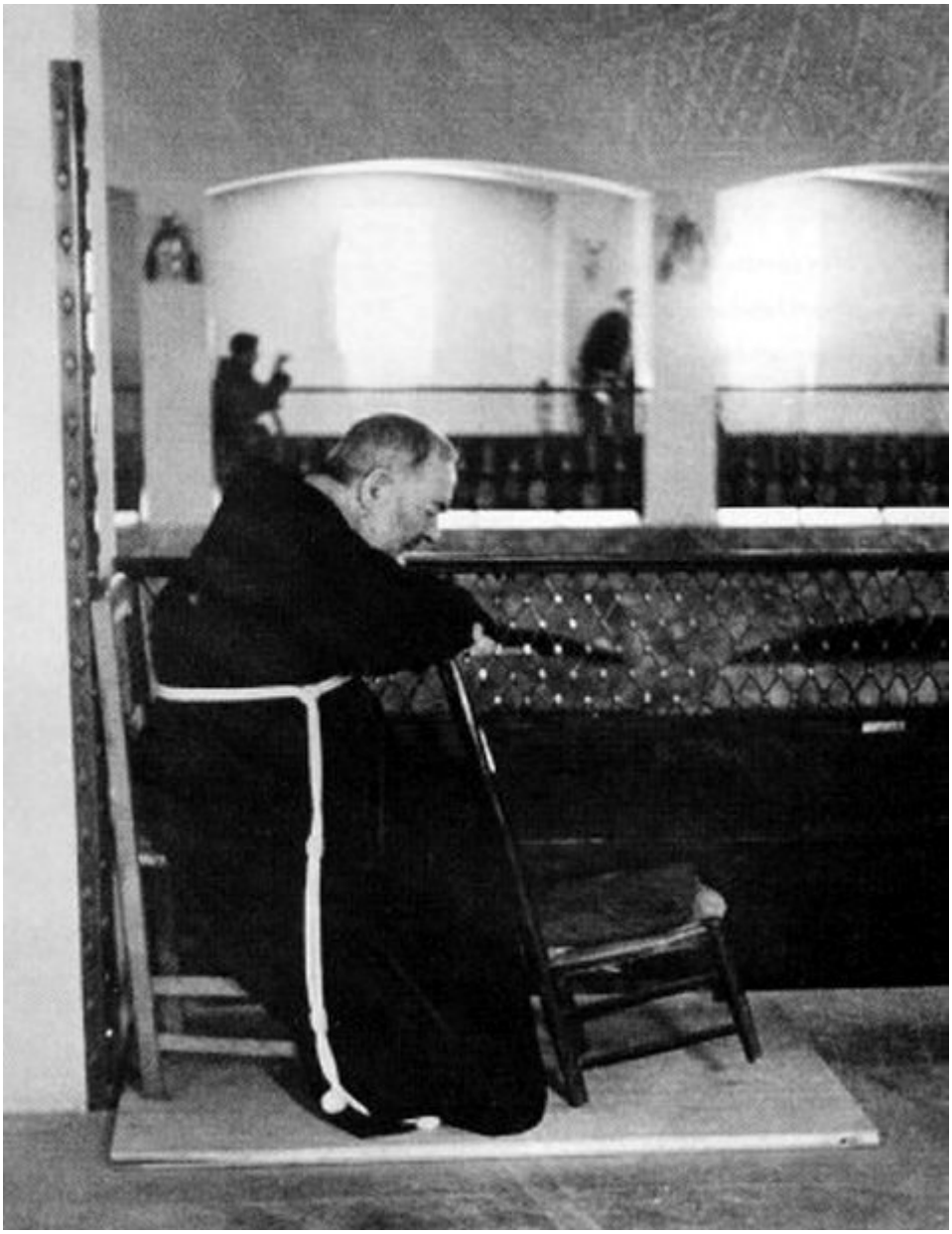
How do you take care of the so many letters you receive? "The Angel does his job."

Two teachers were staying at the bedside of their sick child. Around midnight they remembered that people had sent their Guardian Angel to Padre Pio for help.

They did. In the morning the child was normal and all three of them could go to school. Weeks later:

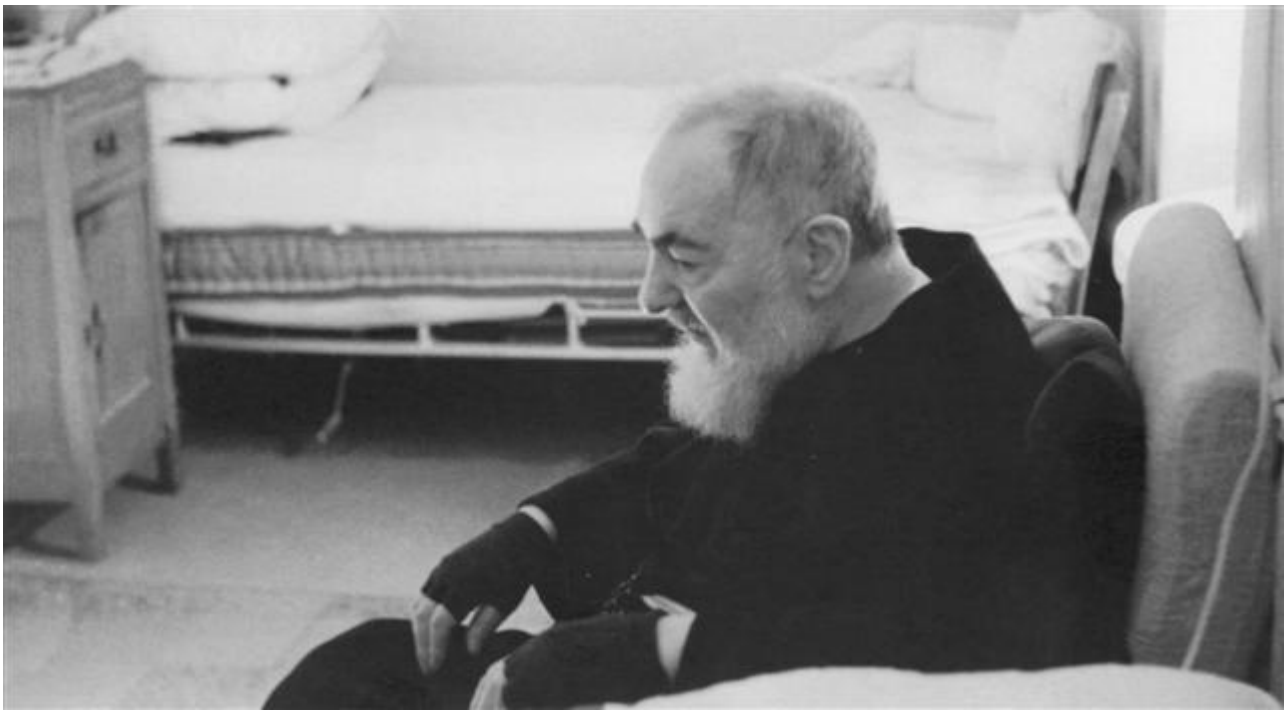
"I am always happy when the Angels come, even when they come at night."

Meditation



"Meditation, like a tireless bee, transforms the pollen of flowers into nectar of life."

"Never let a day go by without meditating on the Passion of Christ."



'To imitate Jesus we must meditate daily on our model."

"Meditation is like a mirror: it helps us discover and correct our defects."

In a letter to Annita Rodote, about meditation:

" Put yourself in the presence of God.

Remember that God is really present with the celestial court, inside you soul.

Than you start your prayers and meditations, holding the palm of the hand to the front, or both hands to the front.

All that must be done without affectation."

"Topics of you meditation should be the life, passion and death of Jesus. His, birth, life in Egypt

and Nazareth up to hid thirties.

The humility of the baptism by John, his public life, his extremely painful passion and death, the institution of

the Eucharist the night when men were preparing for him the most atrocious torments.

You can meditate Jesus in the garden, sweating blood seeing the torments that

men were preparing for him, and the ingratitude of men who would not take advantage of his merits,

Jesus dragged and beaten in the tribunals, scourged and crowned with torns, the trip to the Calvary carriyng the cross, his crucifixion,

and finally his death on the cross in a sea of anguishes at the sight of his sorrowful other."

In a letter to Maria Gargani also about meditation:

"First prepare the topic of your meditation. You don't need a book for that.

Every truth in our religion can be topic for meditation.

Usually the life, passion and death of Jesus should be meditated. Ask God for the grace to meditate well, so that it can be fruitful,

than recommend yourself to the Holy Virgin and all the celestial court that may help you

meditate well and keep away every distraction or temptation.

Done that, start the meditation going over the subject in every detail.

After that one needs to make resolutions. Consider defects that are the cause of many ore defects and sins.

Resolve to work on a virtue, and only stop when you have conquered it.

Finally ask God for the graces and helps that you feel the need for. Recommend to God all the human beings in general and in particular.

Pray for the reestablishment of the kingdom of God, the propagation of faith, the exaltation and triumph of our holy other the Church.

Pray for the living an the dead, the infidels e the heretics, and for the conversion of sinners.

After all that offer your meditation and prayer, with the offering of all of yourself, and of all the persons you care for,

through the hands of the holy Mary, the Guardian Angel, St. Joseph, etc.

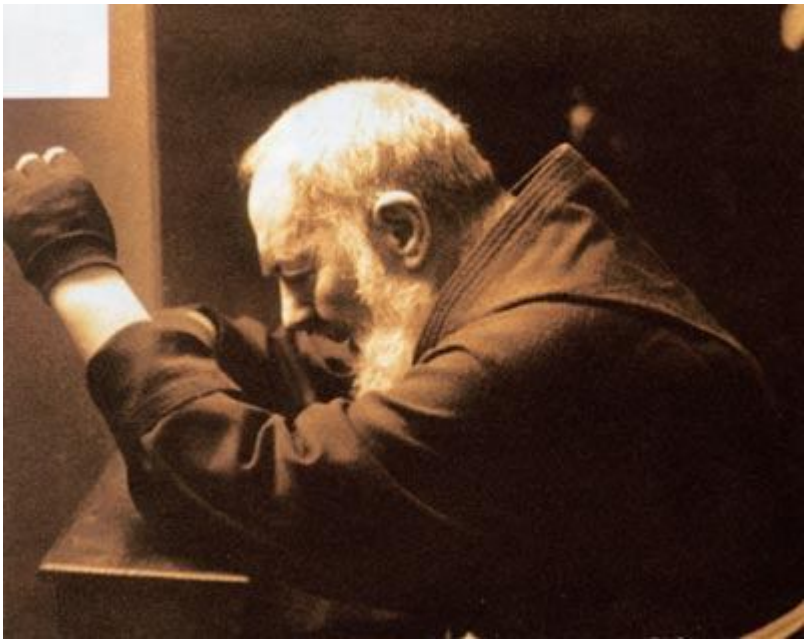
Lastly, examine briefly how you did your meditation, and ask for forgiveness if it has been defective.

Meditate at least twice a day. No less than half hour each time. Possibly in the morning, to prepare for the fight,

and at night to purify the soul from any earthly attachment that happened during the day."

Prayer

"I pray constantly".



"I'm only a poor friar who prays"

"I want to Save souls by continuous prayer."

"I will never tire of praying to Jesus."

"All that you ask in prayer with faith, you will receive."

"Prayer must be persistent. Persistence denotes faith."

"Prayers will never be wasted."

"The only way to gain salvation is through prayer."

"Pray, pray a great deal. Always pray, without tiring."

"Prayes is the effusion of our heart in the heart of Go."

"Prayer is the key that opens the heart of God."

"Our Lord wishes that we ask, in order to obtain graces."

"Seek, ask, and knock, in order to find, receive, and to be opened to you."

"Even though the Lord is in us, He still wants us to ask for what we desire."

"Prayer is the best weapon we possess."

"In praying, our heart needs to stay open towards heaven, and wait for the heavenly dew to come."

"Let's stay in the presence of God to honor and praise him. We don't need to talk, and he doesn't either."

"Just staying humbly in His presence is an excellent sign of perfection."

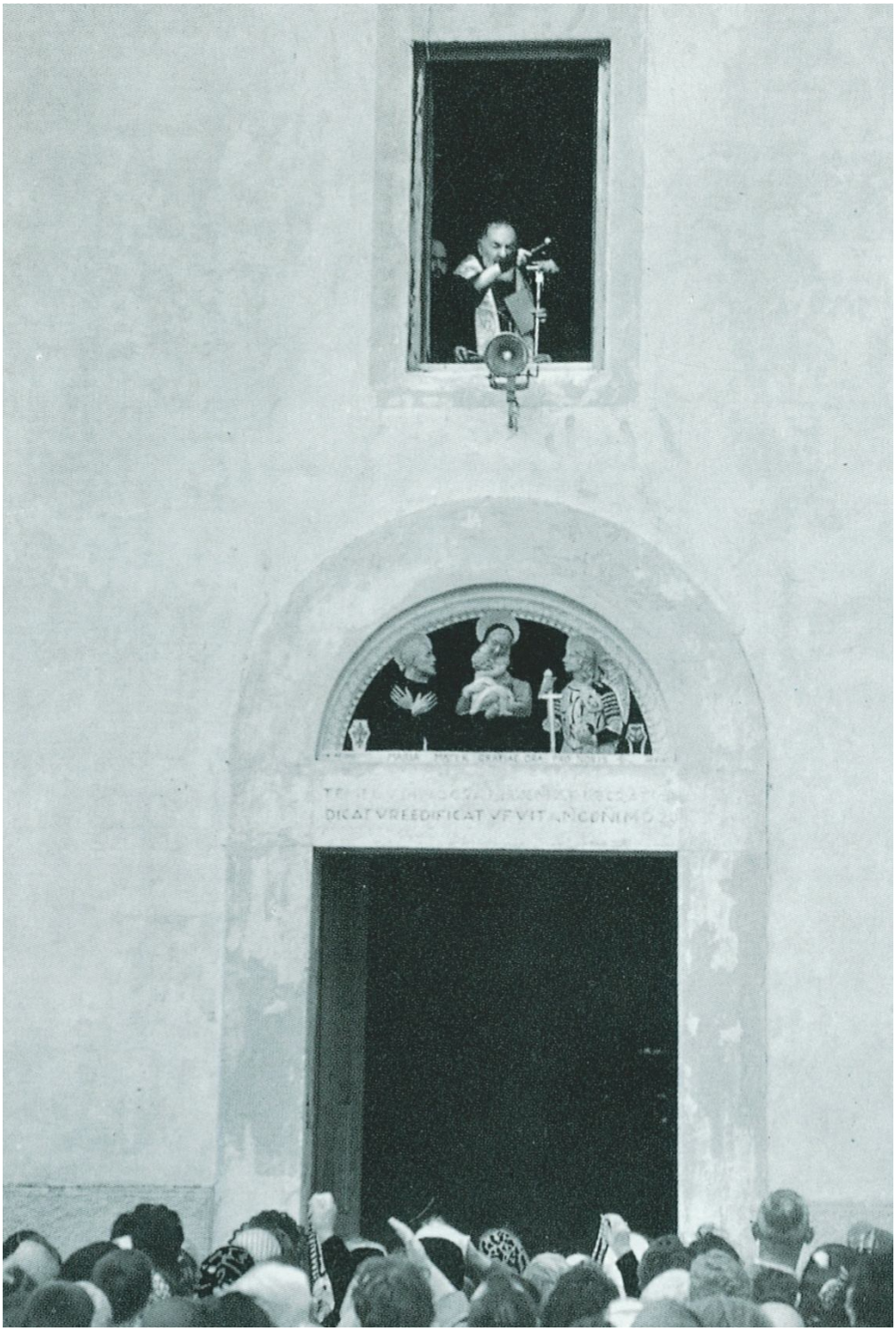
"When we are in the presence of God, let's just be happy to stay there, not being concerned about anything else."

Life

"Love doesn't tolerate delay."

"Life is a continual struggle against oneself."

Life is a struggle, which we cannot avoid. We must triumph."



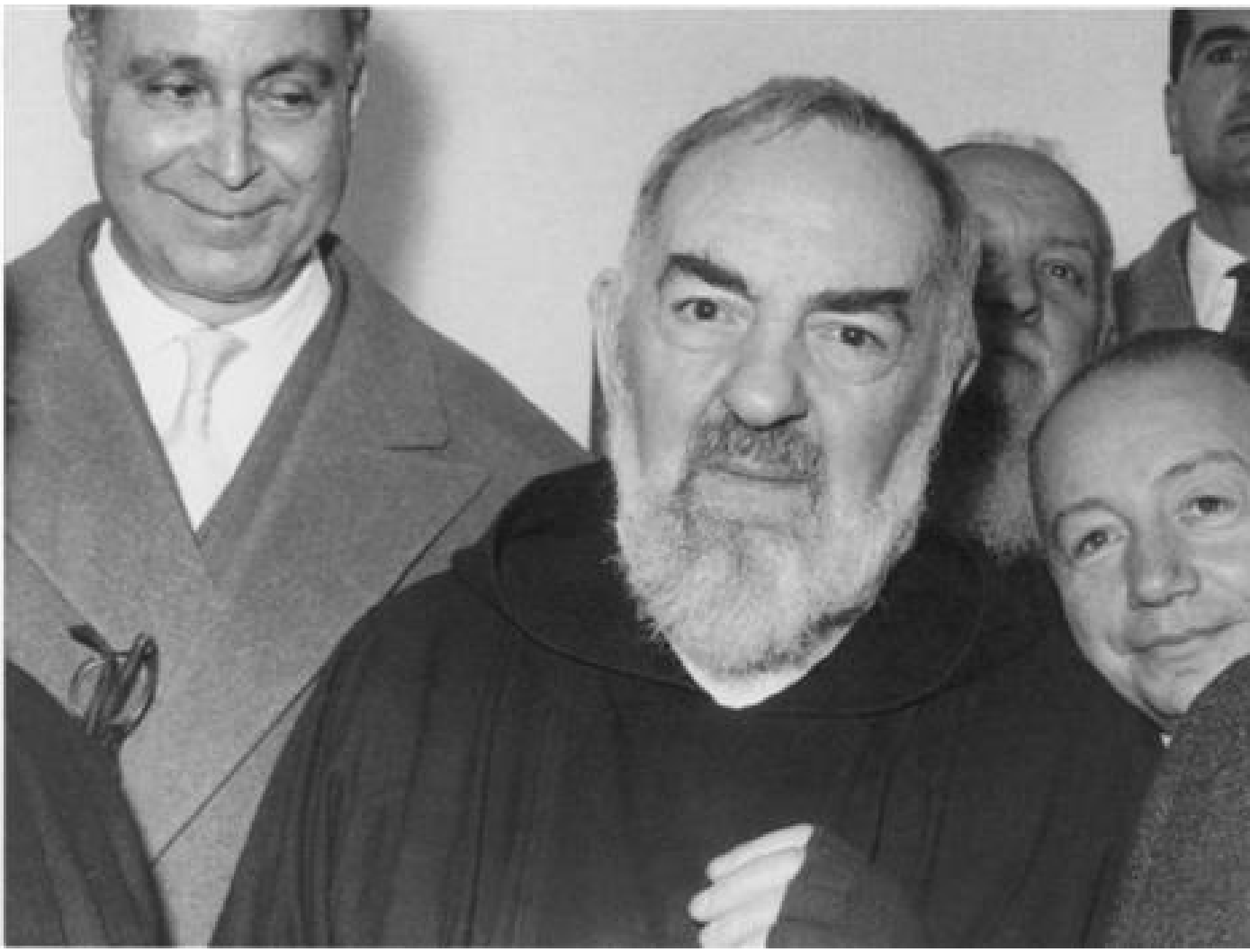
"Ahead! Courage! In the spiritual life he who does not advance goes backward."

'Keep going forward. If you stop, the wind will blow you back."

"Planting is less important than sowing, to have a good harvest."

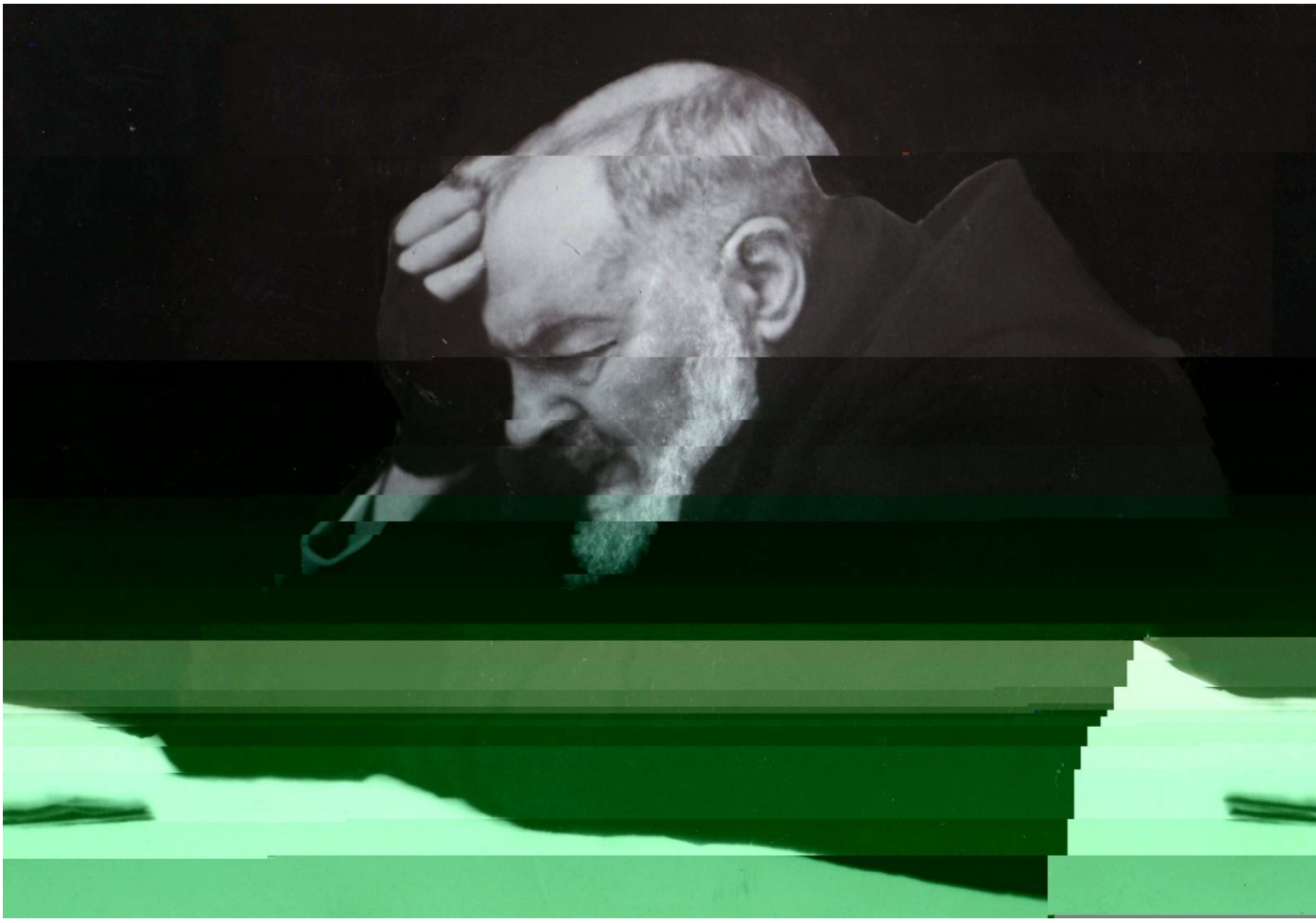
"Every year should be more fruitful than the previous one."

"The years pass by, and eternity becomes closer."



"In the spiritual life, the faster we run, the less tired we feel."

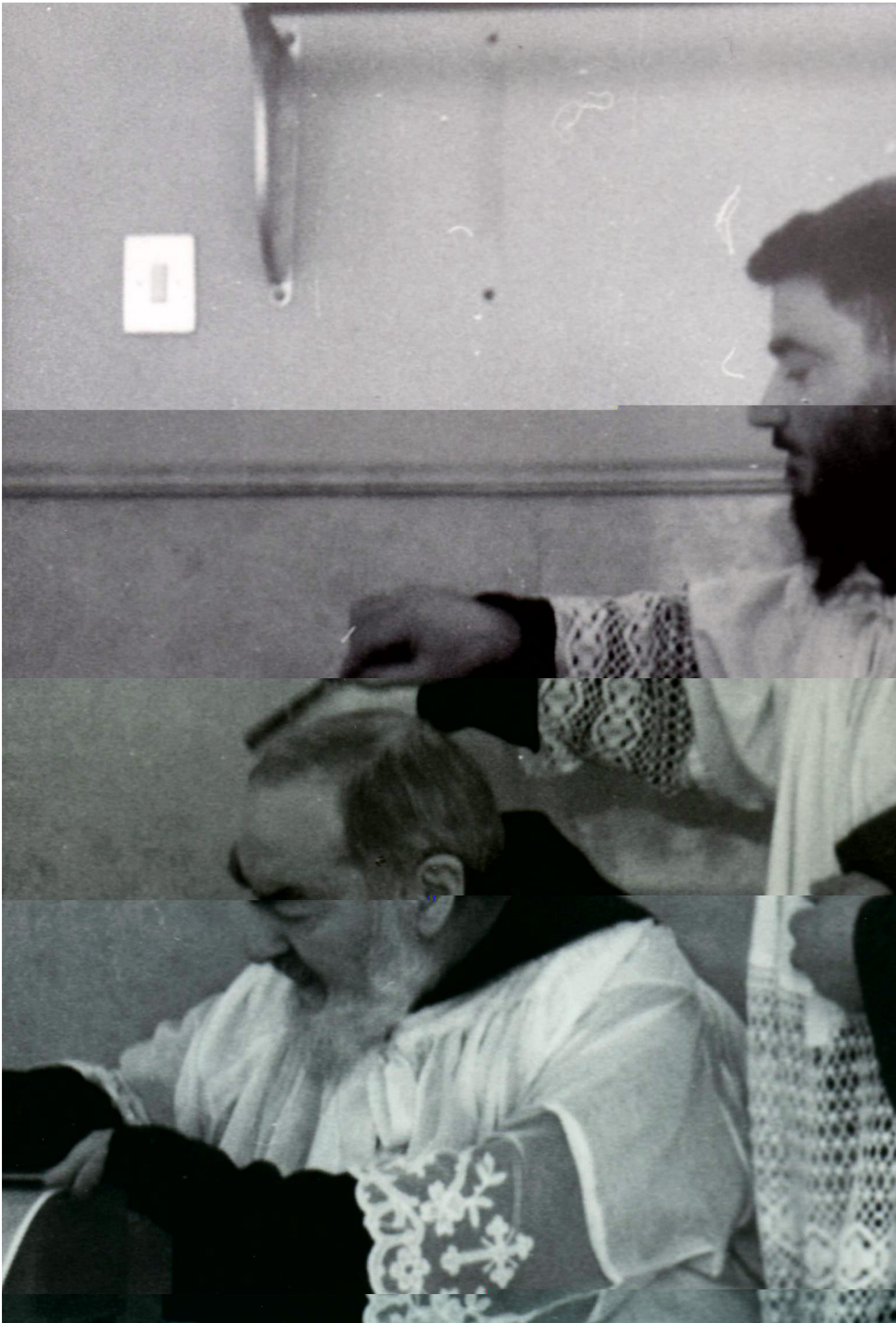
"The road to perfection is as long as a lifetime."



"It is necessary to be strong, in order to become great: that is our duty."

"Drowning on high seas or chocking on a glass of water have death as the same outcome."

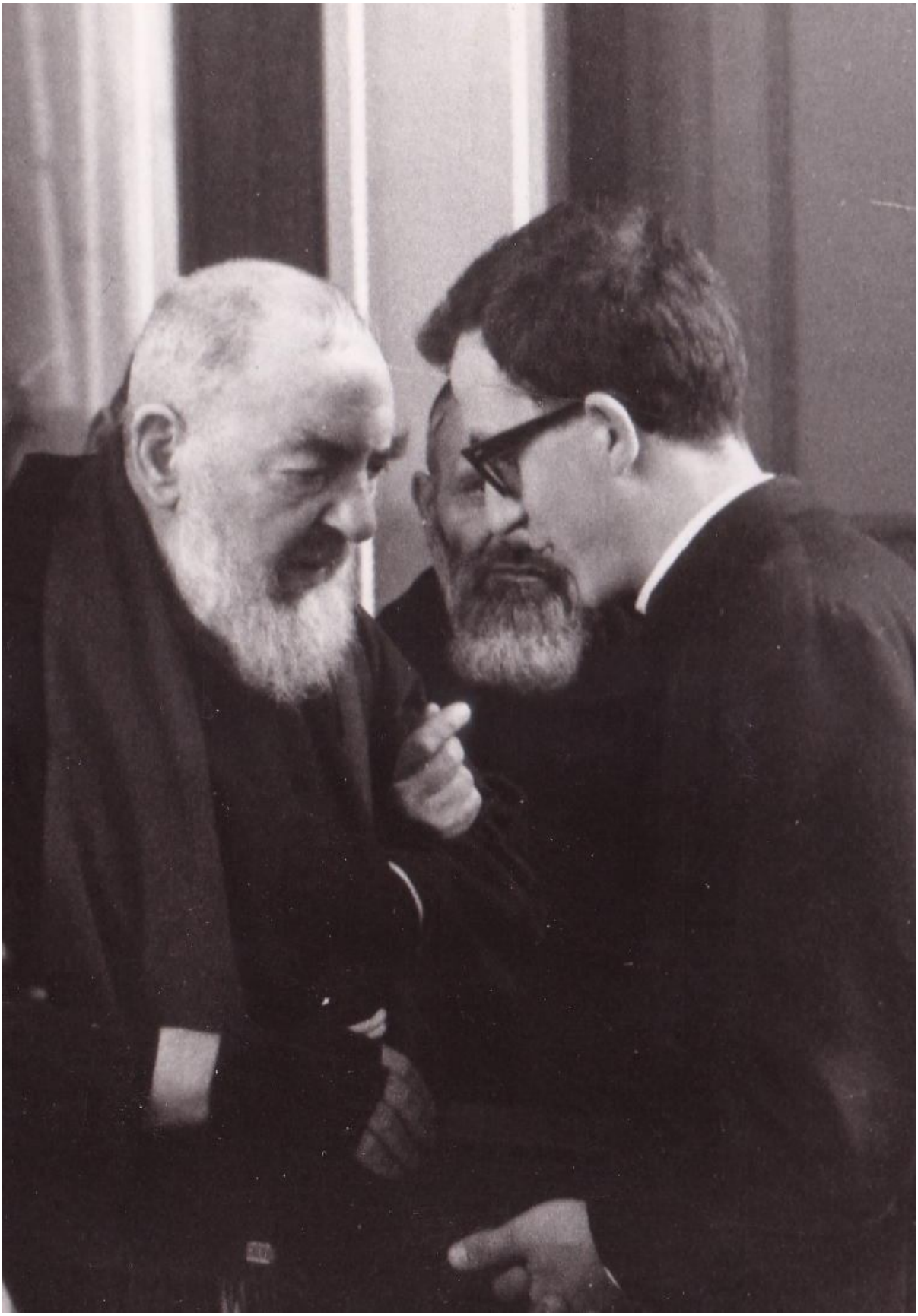
"The mom teaches the child walking by supporting him. But later he has to walk by himself."



'Guard jealously the purity of your heart and your body."

"Make hay while the sun shines."

"Do not put off until tomorrow what you can do today."



'Wait, your turn will come."

"Detach yourself from the world."

"Repair the past and prepare for the future making good decisions."

"Sadness is of no use to anyone."

"Don't philosophize on your defects."

"Fear is an evil worse than evil itself."

"Let us be honest always."

"Being attached to the things of the world brings sadness."

"Duty before anything else. Even before what is holy."

"Even when reprimanding one must be courteous and gentle."

"Gentleness doesn't mean permissiveness."

"Vainglory is the woodworm of holiness."

Do not be restless, upset, and anxious in times of darkness."

"It is easy and difficult to become a saint."

"unable to take big steps be content with little steps, until you have the legs to run; or wings to fly."

"Let your whole exterior be a vivid image of the composure of your soul."

"One day we will have to give strict account on how we spend our time."

"Let us be moved by the presence of God, who is also our judge."

"The more ridiculous the order, the more willingly I obey it."

"Ask for nothing and refuse nothing. One must always obey."

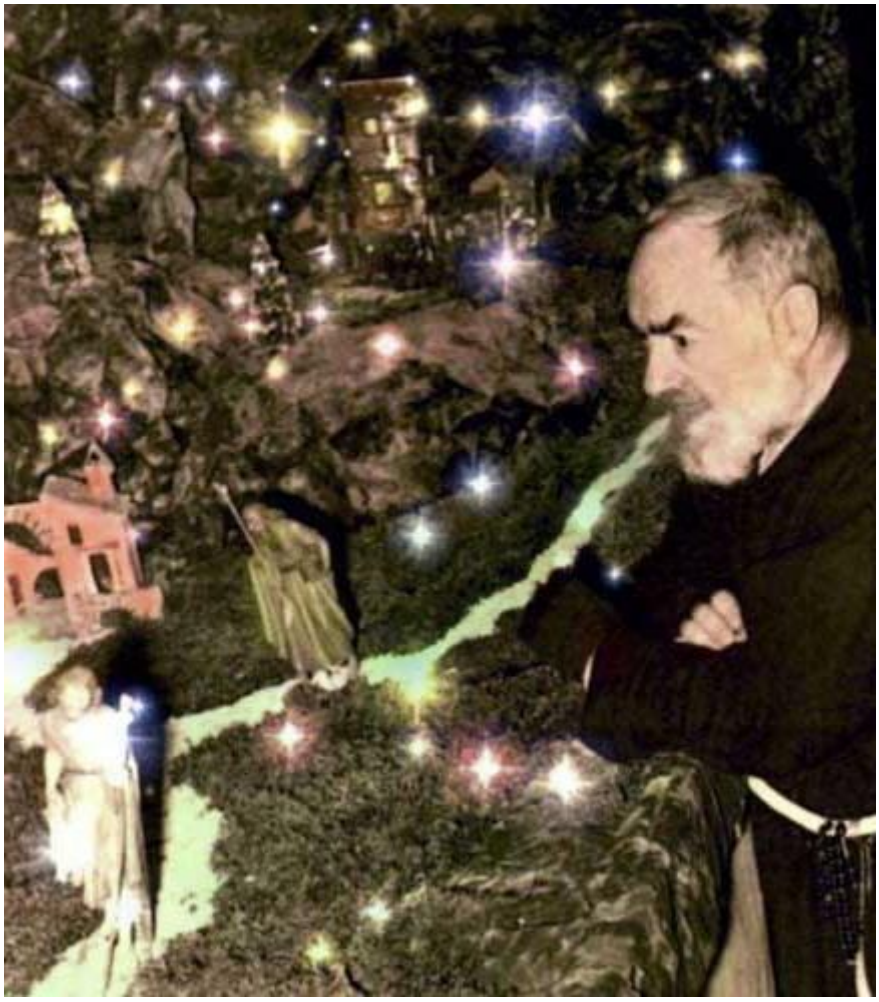
"Duty comes before everything else, even something holy."

"It is easier to cure a tumor than to change the heart of a person".

Giving a medal: "This is the weapon which will preserve you from your enemies".

"Blasphemy calls down malediction on your home; and, it destroys even the ashes in the fireplace.

Humility

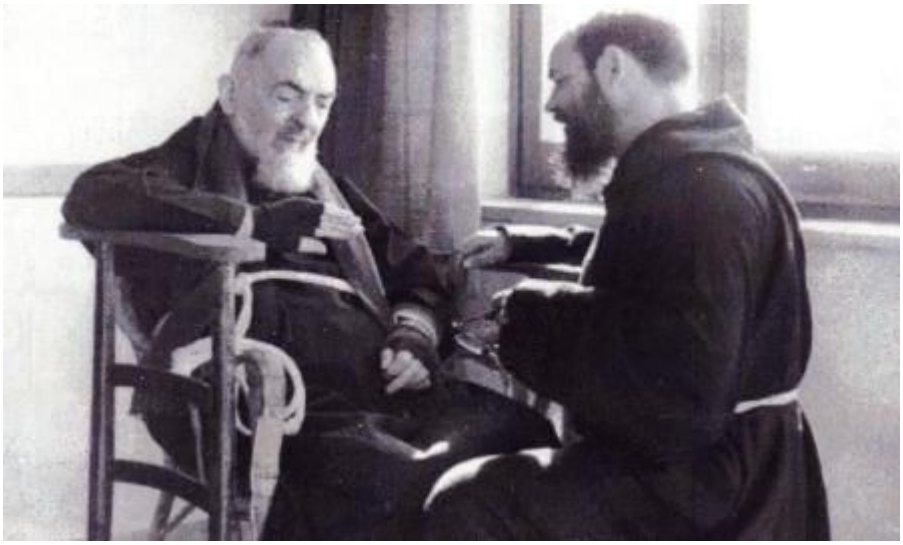


'You have respect for me because you don't know me. I am the greatest sinner on this heart."

"Abjection is called humility, and humility abjection."

"God speaks to those who truly have a humble heart."

"Never be pleased with yourself."



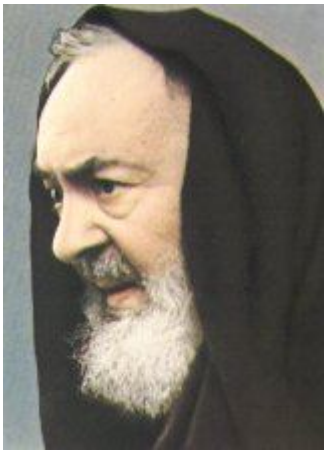
"The tall ears of grain are vain and empty, the ones bent to the ground are humble and laden with grain."

'When you fall, humble yourself but without degrading yourself."

"Abjection means to be humble and powerless."

"Be humble, tranquil, sweet, and confident in times of darkness."

"Humility is truth. Everything good in me is of God."



"False humility brings discouragement."

"When Jesus sees you prostrated in humility, he will extend his hand and draw you to him."

"Humility is the recognition of one's abjection."

"To meet God, we must ascend and he must descend."

"Happiness can be found only in Heaven."

"Everything comes from God. I possess only infinite misery."

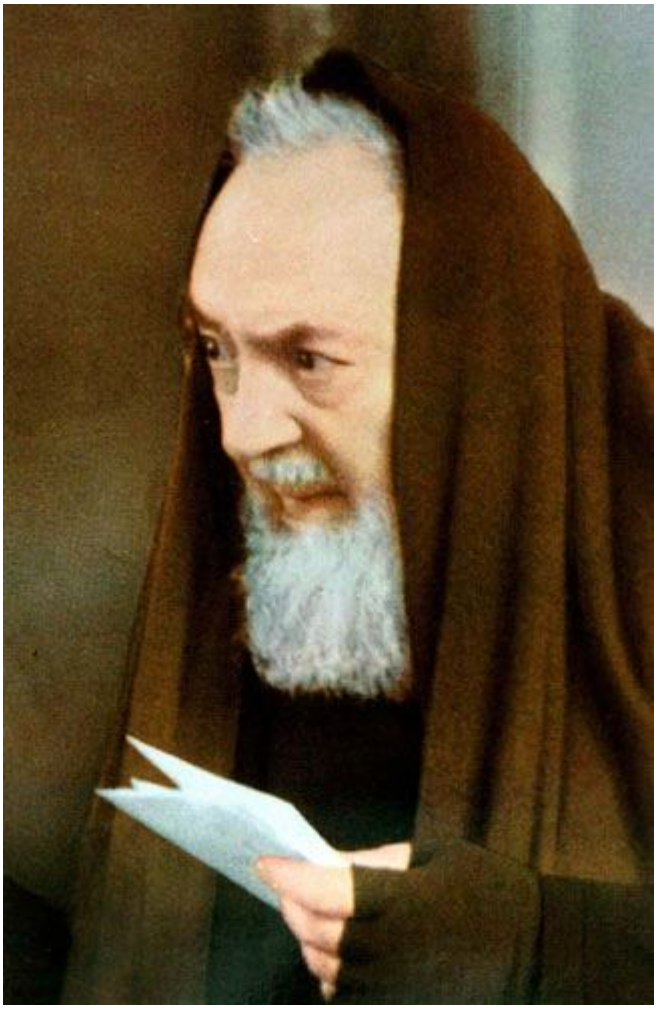
"Self esteem is more malicious that pride."

"Mary, the more she was filled with heavenly gifts, the more she humbled."

"If I was reborn, I would become a Capuchin again, but not a priest.

I am unworthy to represent Jesus on earth, to be Christ on the altar."

Charity



"Charity is the queen of virtues."

"As the pearls are held together by the thread, thus the virtues by charity"

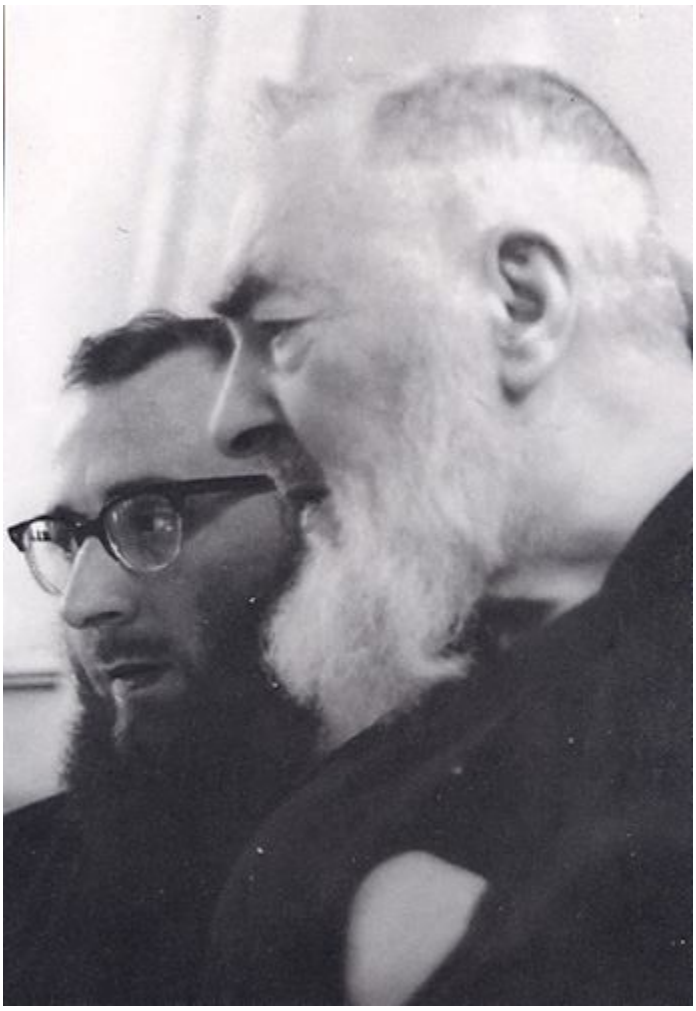
" the pearls fall when the thread breaks, thus the virtues are lost if charity diminishes."

"The pivot of perfection is charity; He who lives in charity lives in God, because God is charity, as the Apostle says."

"Excuse everyone with Christian charity."

"Seek solitude but do not lack charity with your neighbor."

Humility and charity



"Humility and charity go hand in hand. The one glorifies, the other sanctifies."

"There are two fundamental virtues of holiness: humility and charity."

"We must alway have kindness with the neighbour and humility with God."

"Charity knows how to mix sweet with bitter, and convert transitory suffering in eternal reward."

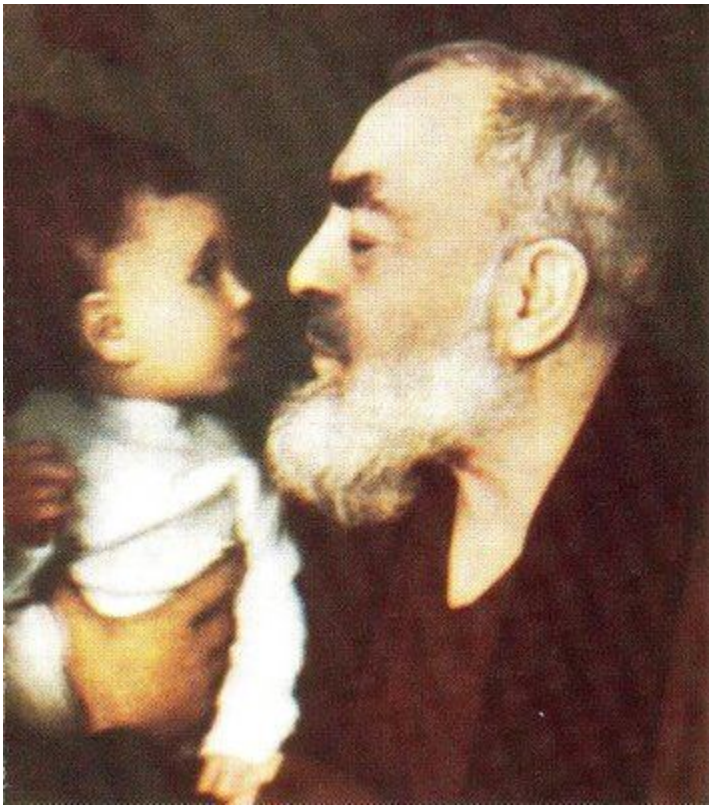
"Charity is the yardstick by which the Lord will judge us."

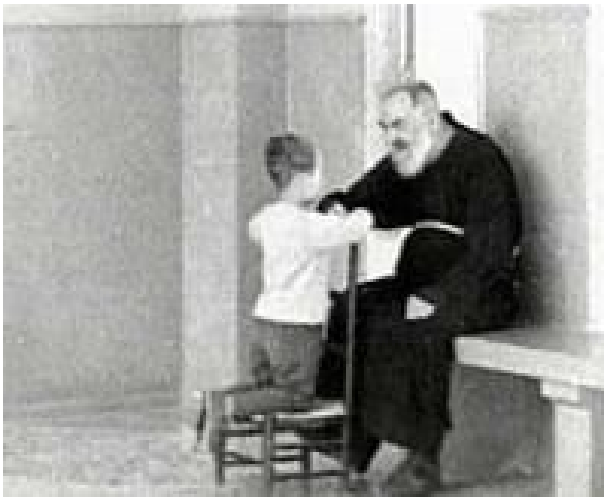
"Charity is the cornerstone of perfection."

'Charity is the daughter of Providence."

Children

"I wholeheartedly bless the work of catechizing children, the little flowers of Jesus."





Devil 'Barbablú' 'cosaccio' satana

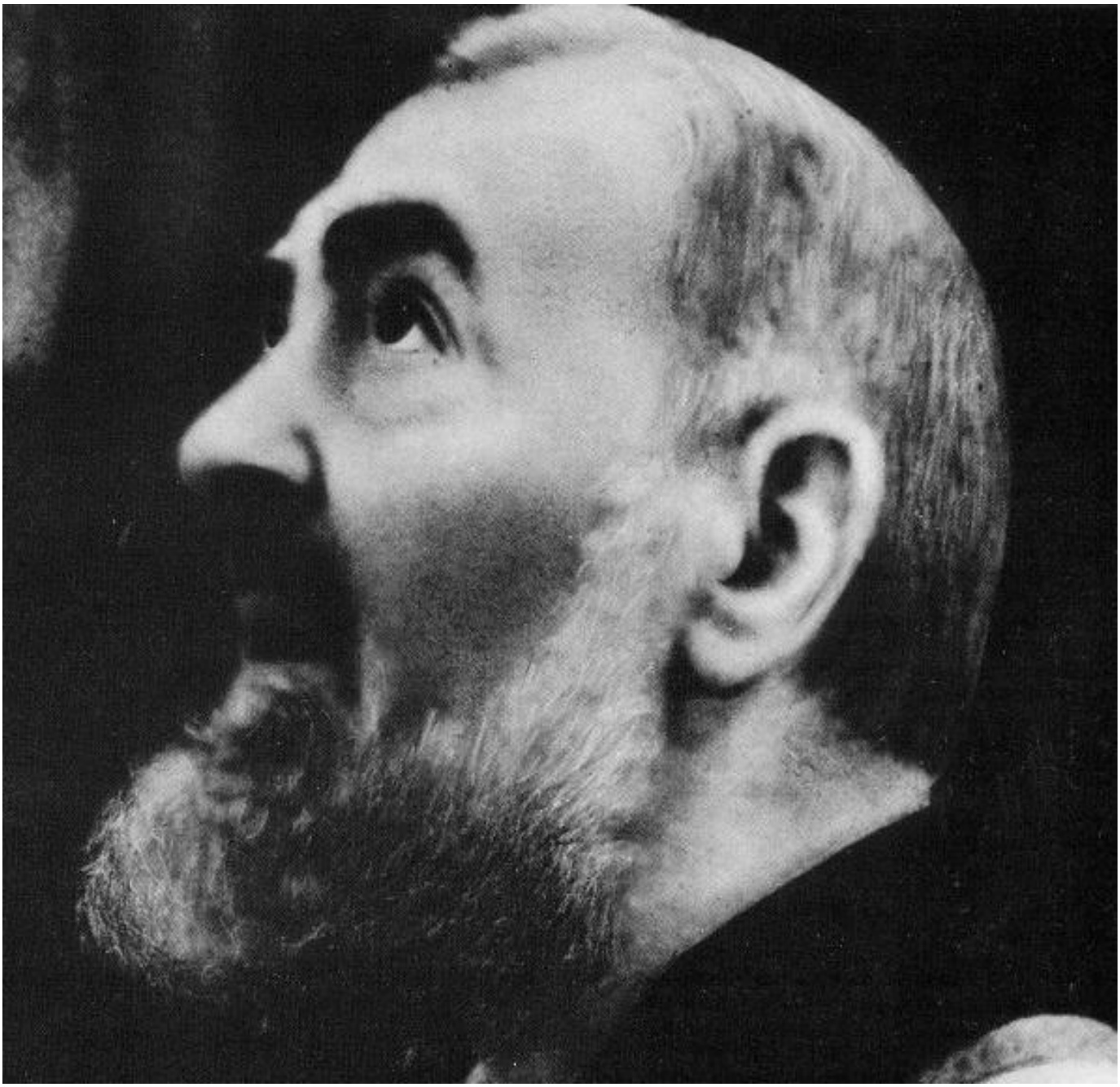
Padre Pio called the devil 'cosaccio' (whatsit) (plural cosacci). At times he had a real name 'Barbablu'.

"The devil is trying to snatch me from the arms of Jesus".

"The devil wants me for himself at all costs".

"What comes from Satan begins with calmness and ends in storm, indifference and apathy."

"Do not let the infernal beast frighten you. God will fight it with you and for you.".



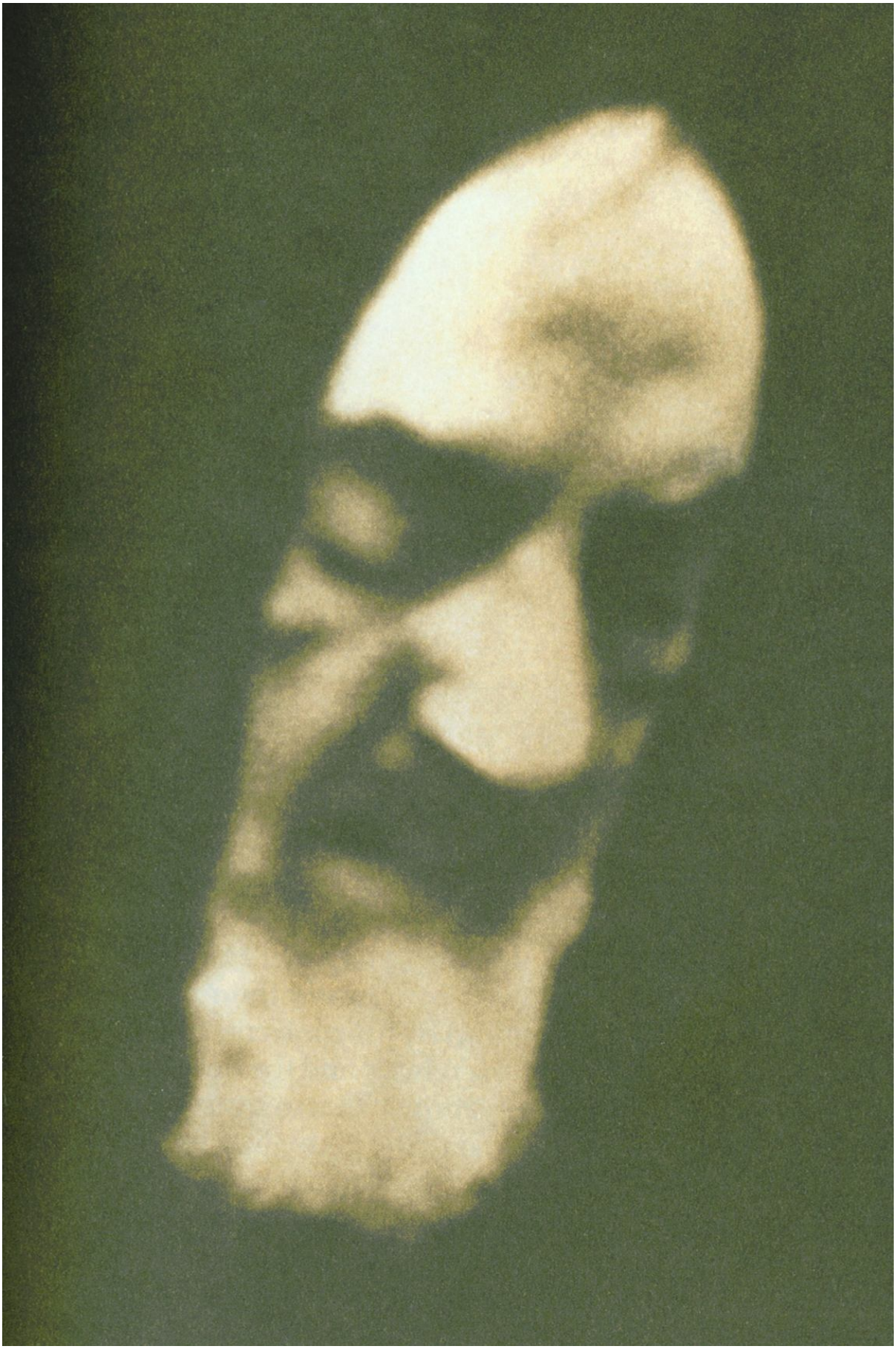
"The devil is like a rabid dog tied to a chain; beyond the length of the chain he cannot seize anyone.

And you: keep at a distance. If you approach too near, you let yourself be caught."

"Satan reigns over the world."

In Venafro a likely Padre Agostino entered Padre Pio's cell. 'I'm here to confess you'. Suspecting something fishy, he said:

"Repeat after me Long Live Jesus". The devil screamed 'No!' and disappeared.



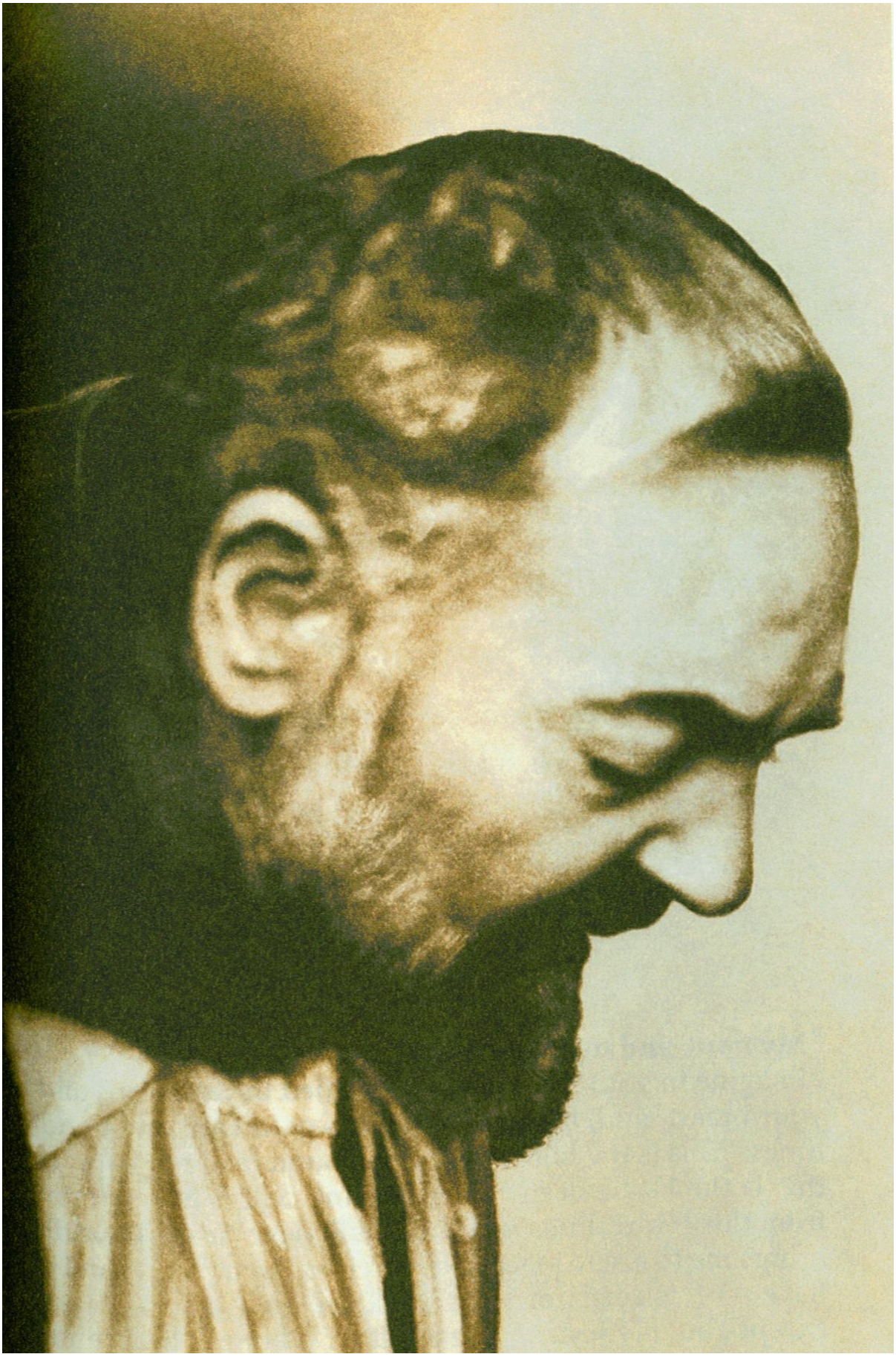
Father Francesco was about to leave Padre Pio's cell. "Don't leave, otherwise the devils (cosacci) come."

He left after awhile but while few steps away he heard a terrible noise, and came back. Padre Pio had been assaulted.

Opening the letters from his spiritual director father Agostino at time they were all blank.

He would put some holy water on them and the writing could be seen again.

"Barbablu' made it invisible so that it couldn't be read."



In 1964 Padre Pio was assaulted by the devil who gave him a terrible blow on the spine, and he fell, and had a black eye and swollen face.

"If the devil makes noise it's a very good sign. What's terrifying is his peace."

August 9, 1912, in a letter to Padre Agostino: 'Barbablu' prevents me from writing to you. Every time i try, i get

a terrible headache, and the arm is paralyzed and i can't hold the pen in my hand."

December 3, 1912, in a letter to Padre Agostino: "I received you letter on November 29.

It only contained a blank page. It must have been the 'cosaccio'."

In a letter to father Benedetto on June 3, 1919:

"I don't have a free minute. All my time is spent in tearing my brothers from the clutches of satan."

"The name of the devil is 'i, I do, I can, I'm able to, I, I, I.' This is the devil."

Io, io faccio, io posso, io riesco. Io, io, io. Questo è il diavolo».

"The human soul is the battlefield between God and Satan."

Temptation

"If you win a temptation, it has the same effect as in washing dirty laundry."

"The more a soul is liked by God, the more will be proved."

"Temptations belong to devil and hell, sufferings belong to God and Paradise."

"The temptations come from the devil, the sufferings come from God."

"Despise the temptation and embrace the tribulation."

"Do not dwell on your temptations."

"The thought doesn't make the sin, but consenting to the thoughts does it."

"Only the free will is capable of good or evil."

"Temptations against faith and purity are the merchendise offered by the enemy."

"Don't voluntarily dwell on what the devil presents to you."

"When tempted, say to God: "Have mercy on your poor weakling."

"When the assault of the enemy increases, you are closer to God."

"When the enemy roars around you, it shows that he is not in you."

"The more a soul is pleasing to God, the more it must be tried."

"Temptation is like the soap. It seems to soil but in reality cleans."

"There is joy in the spiritual battles. Learn how to fight and you will be certain of victory."

"If God lets you fall is to make you humble and more careful in the future."

"The devil enters a soul only through one door: the will."

"We must prepare for temptation if we want to approach God."

faith

"The lively faith is the blind belief and complete adhesion to the authority imposed by God over you."

"God doesn't operate prodigies were there is no faith."

laziness

'let's stir ourself up, because laziness eats everything, eats completely everything."

lie

"To lie is a sin. The lie is the daughter of the devil."

impurity

"Immoral thoughts are not sins. In throwing them out, one exercises virtue."

sacrilege

"Whoever commits a sacrilege eats his own condemnation.

and only a very special grace obtained by souls very close to God, can obtain salvation."

science

"Science is less than nothing compared to the formidable mistery of Divinity."

pride

"Pride is the child of haughtiness and is even more malicious than his mother."

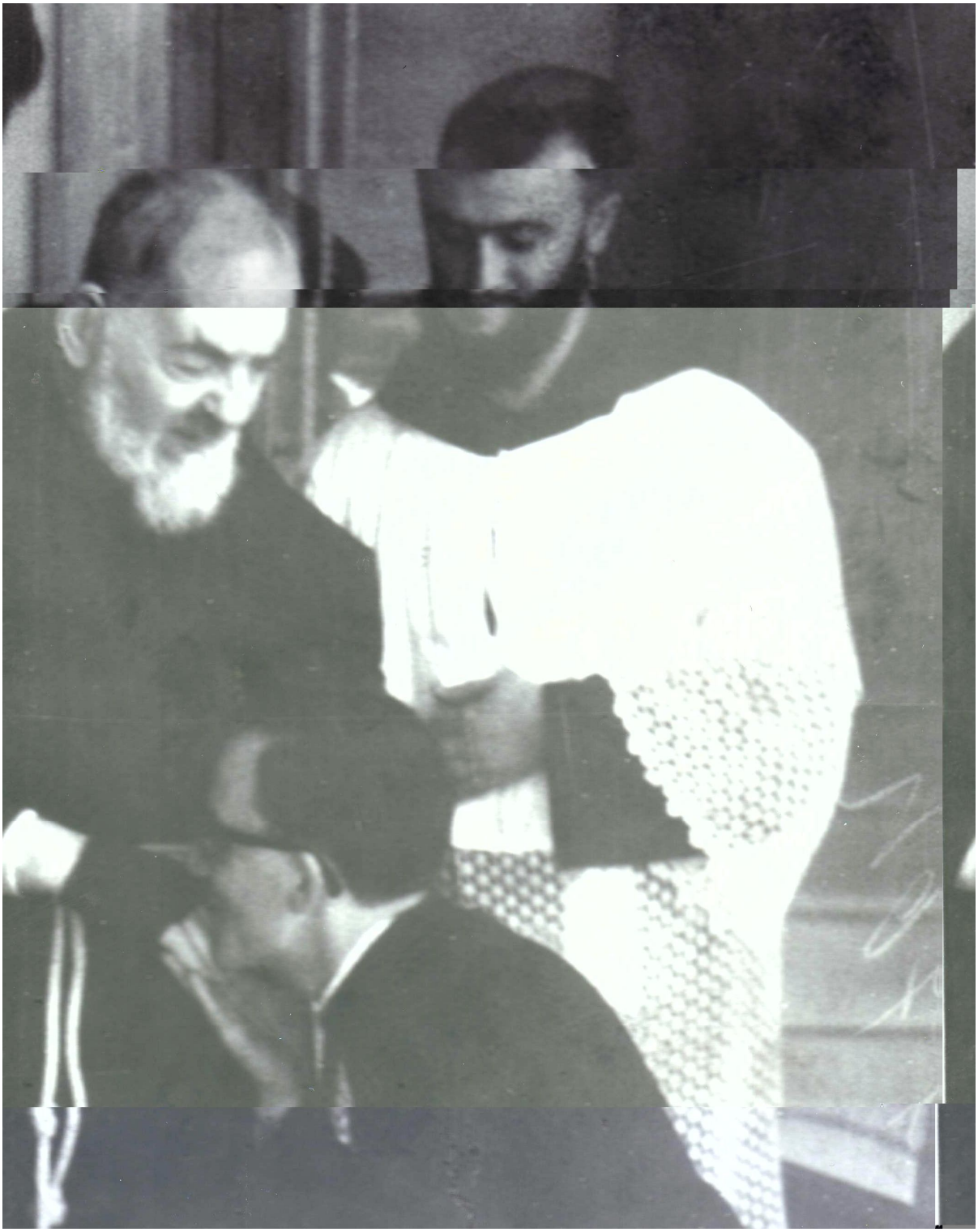
detachment

"it is better to detach ourselves from this world little by little than all of a sudden."

"Always think of the heaven."

Peace

"Tranquility is the daughter of the love for God."



"God is our peace, our consolation, and our glory."

"Peace is the path to perferction. In the peace you find perfection."

"The devil makes every effort to make us lose peace."

"Peace is the joy of an heart in which God reigns."

"Peace is simplicity of spirit, serenity of mind, tranquility of soul, harmony deep inside."

Agitation

"Pray, hope, don't get agitated. Agitation dosnt't help at all. God is merciful and will listen to your prayer."

("Prega, spera, non agitarti. L'agitazione non giova a nulla. Dio e' misericordioso ed ascoltera' la tua preghiera.")

"The more you get agitate, the sooner the Providence will withdraw it's arms from you."

"Anxiety makes us run only to make us trip."

"Agitation never comes from God."

Doubt

"To doubt is the greatest insult to the Divinity."

religion

to Giuseppe Fucci: "Each person clings to his own religion, and we have to respect those who don't profess our faith."

Some ancdotes and prodigies

To father Mariano and to father Tarcisio:

"I can do three thing at once: pray, confess, and go around the world."

Conversing with dr. Delfino: "What do you doctors think. Can a person do two thing at once?"

'I think two is possible.' "Well, a can do three."

Bilocation is the simultaneous presence of same person in two different places.

Padre Pio describes bilocation under obedience:

"He knows what he wants, knows were he goes, but he doesn't know if it's the body or the mind that goes."

"There is an urgency, a grave danger, a soul or a body to save".

bilocation

'In 1970 Madre Speranza di Collevalenza told journalist Renzo Allegri:

At the Holy Office I saw Padre Pio every day for a whole year. He used some half gloves on his hands to hide the wounds.

I would greet him, kiss his hand, and someties we exchanged some words.

This took place between 1937 and 1939 when I was working at Sant'Uffizio (Holy Office).'

Profecy

Modesto Vinelli testifies that he used to see Padre Pio almost daily and take pictures of him as a photographer.

One day at the end of 1918 Padre Pio told him: "Modesto, we have fifty years ahead of us."

He was also taking pictures on the day of the 25th anniversary.

Padre Pio told him.: "Modesto remember that we still have 25 years to go."

On September 20, 1968, Padre Pio told him: "Modesto, the fifty years are over."

Padre Pio died 3 days later. Modesto lived until 1983.

Reading of soul

Carlo Campanini went to confession to Padre Pio in 1950. Padre Pio said: "Begin in 1936."

'But I confessed few days ago.' "I told you to begin in 1936." Campanini remembered what he had done and was ashamed to confess.

He concluded: 'That confession changed my life, and I haven't missed daily Mass since than.'

bilocation

Campanini was on a tour in Brazil and went to Sao Paolo Cathedral for confession and communion. There was a very long line for confession.

Campanini prayed Padre Pio for help. The door from a nearby confessional opened and a priest called him in Italian:

"Vieni (come in)." He confessed and towards the end he "could smell the typical fragrance of Padre Pio".

Reading souls

Campanini told his doctor in florence: Tomorrow I'm going to see Padre Pio. The doctor; He is an histerical who got the wound by thinking so much about Jesus on the Cross.

Campanini visited Padre Pio: "When you see him, tell him to think intensely about being an ox. Let's see if he grows horns."

Reading souls

Dr. Ezio Saltamerenda convinced sculptor Francesco Messina in 1949 to visit Padre Pio with him. Padre Pio asked if he wanted to confess.

He said maybe but I'm not prepared. Padre Pio said: "Don't say anything to me. Just answer."

'Than he began to list my sins with incredible precision. It was as though he could read my soul'.

Double Healing

Reporded by Il Mattino 6-11-19 Pasquale Di Chiara had been forced to use a cane to walk for several months after a fall.

Padre Pio seeing him commanded him to walk. 'I felt a burning sensation from my foot through my body. I began walking perfectly without assistance.'

Pasquale's daughter was using braces on her legs for infantile paralysis. Padre Pio asked her to take them off. She was able to walk and never use the again.

Healing

Pasquale Urbano of Foggia had been walking with two canes after falling from a carriage.

After the confession in 1919 Padre Pio said:"Get up and go. Throw away those canes". He walked away to everyone's amazement.

Reading of soul

Luisa Vario at the confession. 'I don't know what to say'. "Than I will speak". 'He proceded to tell me my whole life's story.'

"Do you have something to add?" 'I mentioned a sin that he had not told me.' "That's the one I was waiting for."

Profecy

Padre Pio told a policeman. "Go home to your parents. In a week you are going to die." "But I'm perfectly healty." "You will be even better in a week."

He went on leave, and once home he told his parents what Padre Pio had said. A week later he died.

Healing

Gemma di Giorgi, born on Christmas day 1939, was blind, born without pupils. Padre Pio touched her eye and she started seeing normally.

Still without pupils. Padre Pio told her mom: "Don't worry, the child sees, and you know it."

Healing

Giuseppe Canaponi of Firenze, on May 21, 1945 was hit by a truck while driving his motorcycle. Multiple fractures from skull to feet, including 5 fractures of left femur.

Multiple surgeries. Walking on crutches since. In 1948 confessed with Padre Pio. He walked away normally. without realizing it. He went back to thank Padre Pio.

"I didn't do the miracle. I only prayed for you. The Lord healed you."

Bilocation

Maria Pompilio testified that her brother was praying when he began to doze off. Someone slapped him on the cheeck and the hand seemed the one of Padre Pio.

The day after, he asked Padre Pio if he had slapped him. "That's what happens when you doze off while you are praying."

Bilocation

Maria Pompilio testified that a man approaching Padre Pio said: 'Yes, he is the one. I'm not mistaken.' Than, kneeling and in tears said over and over:

'Father thank you for saving my life.' Outside the church he told Pompilio. 'I was captain in the infantry in the battlefied under heavy fire.

I saw a monk a short distance away who called me.' "Captain come here by immediately." 'I did, and even before i reached him

a grenade exploded were I had been, leaving a hole in the ground. When I turned back the monk was not there anymore.'

Bilocation

Fr. Michelangelo Bellini reported that his grandma was over eighty years old and in a coma, when he prayed Padre Pio that she could live

long enough to see him celebrate his first Mass. By the morning she had made an extraordinary recovery and told him that

she had dreamed that a monk had brought her ten more years of life. She lived exactly for ten more years.

bilocation

General Cadorna, after Caporetto, was about to shoot himself. A friar appears in front of him.

"General, you will not do this stupidity!" After the war he heard about Padre Pio and went to visit unannounced.

Padre Pio from afar: "Yeah, general, we had a narrow escape that night!"

healing

Francesco Visco, age 43, had walked on crutches because of a deformity contracted right after birth. The children used to

make fun of him all the time. He lived near the convent. He asked Padre Pio: 'Heal me."

Padre Pio:"Throw away those crutches." Francesco walker normally for the first time, and for several years until death.

healing, perfume

On October 1949 Maria Galiano was about to die from uterine adenocarcinoma. The daughter sent a telegram and 2 letters to Padre Pio.

On April 29 1950 Maria smelled an intense perfume. It lasted for 2 days. The third day she felt healed.

The doctors run tests and found that 'the tumor has completely disappeared.'

healing, perfume

On July 1930, 24 years old Giuseppina Marchetti had her right arm badly crashed in an accident. Several doctors couldn't help.

Went to Padre Pio with her father. "You will recover." Back home, on September 17 they smelled an intense perfume

of daffodils and roses lasting 15 minutes. She felt healed. An x-ray was perfectly normal.

bilocation, healing

In 1926 Concetta Bellarmini, while in critical condition, was suggested to pray Padre Pio. A capuchin friar standing and smiling at her bedside

said: " Sunday morning you will be healed." She did recover. Weeks later she went to thank Padre Pio. From afar: 'That's him. That's exactly him."

tongues

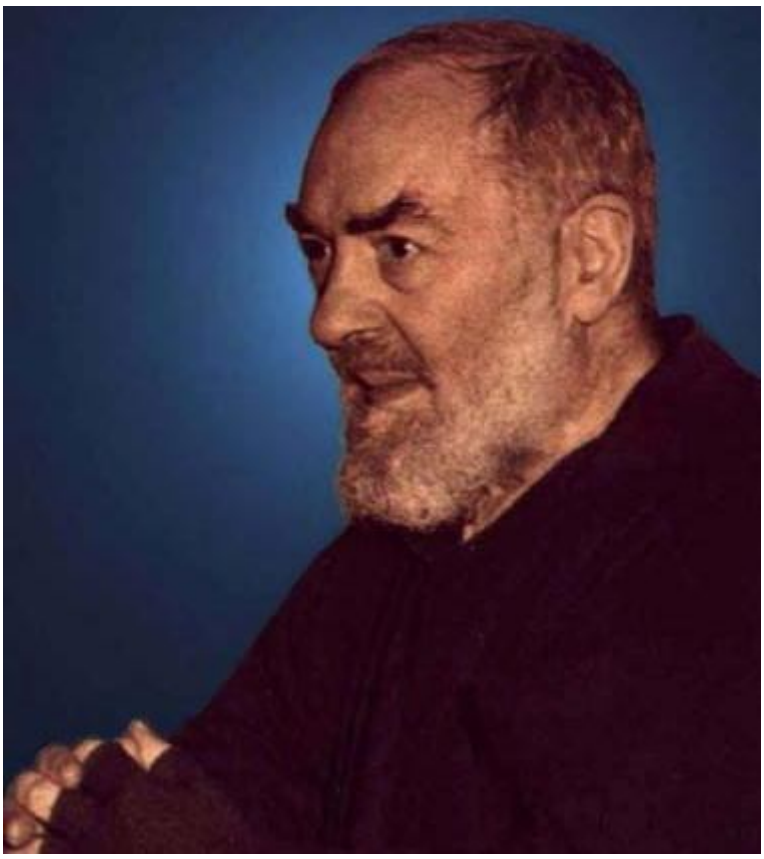
Angelina Serritelli from USA came to Padre Pio for Confession and First Communion knowing only English.

'I confessed and we understood each other. He spoke in English."

tongues

Prof. Bruno Rabajotti was present to a long conversation between Padre Pio and a german gentleman."They spoke presumably in German.

A language unknown to me.' Padre Pio: "Why don't you join the conversation?" 'We spoke German all three of us. It was so easy.'



bilocation

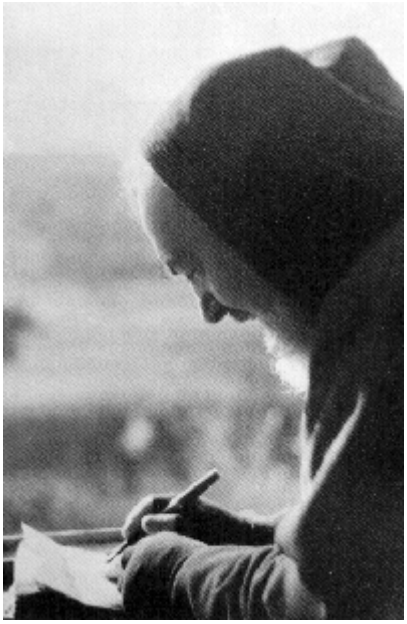
Cleaonice Morcardi testifyed: 'I had not heard from my nephew Giovannino prisoner of war for more than a year.

I told Padre Pio: I will write a unaddressed letter to him and will live it on the nightsatand. The day after the letter had disappeared.

Few days after i received good news from my nephew. Padre Pio: "Thank the Virgin."

profecy

My wife is expecting. What name should we give to the boy? "Call him Pio". And if is a girl? "Call him Pio" It was a boy.



Guardian Angel

One night a large group of pilgrims stood at the closed doors of the church and told their guardian angels what they would tell Padre Pio the day after.

The day after: "Naughty people. Not even during the night you leave me alone."

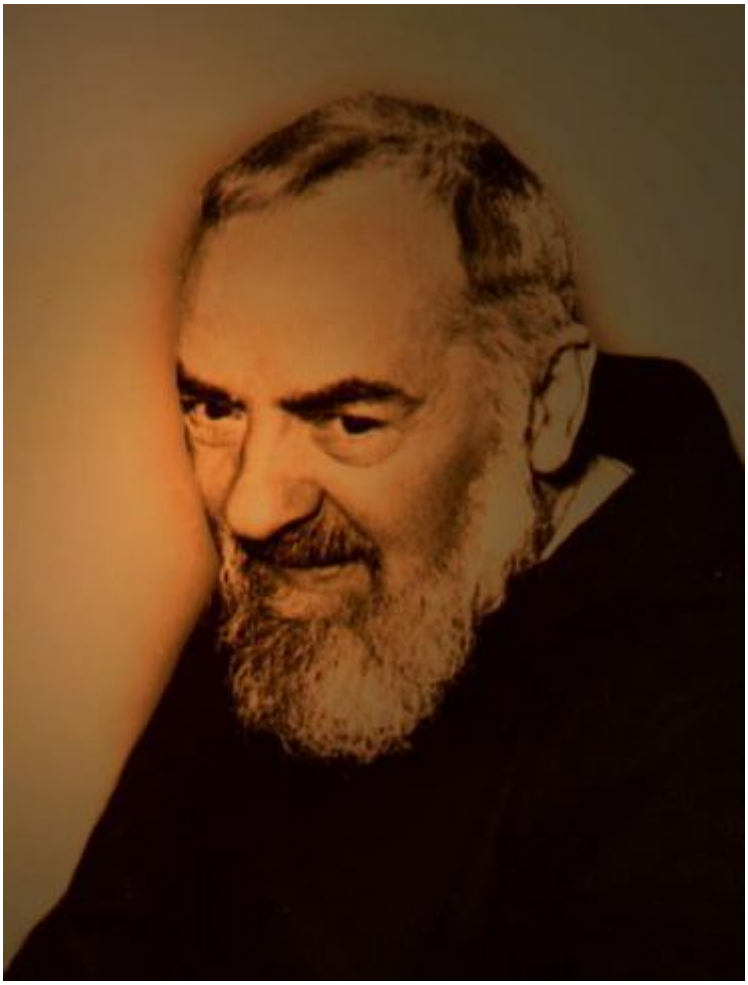
bilocation, healing

On January 29, 1957 in Alençon (France) Daniel Batonnier was about to die od cerebrospinal meningitis.

The mother at 13:30 sent a telegram to Padre Pio. At 16:00 the child was fully recovered. The doctors were puzzled.

The child, seeing a picture of Padre Pio: 'Mom, I know that friar. He came to see me twice today.

He was humming so as not to scare me, and than he left. Mom when I grow up I want to be a friar like him'.



reading

Gaetana Caccioppoli was told that today was her turn to confess with Padre Pio, but in reality her turn was a week away.

On the church's square she said 'If you are Padre Pio send your friar right away to call me'. Not even 5 minutes had passes that a friar came to her from the church:

'Are you signora Caccioppoli? Padre Pio is waiting for you. He says that it's your turn to confess.'

bilocation

'Did you visit Cardinal Mindszenty while he was prisoner in Budapest in 1956?' "Yes. I have seen him and spoken to him."

healing

Father Joseph reported that Dr. Millilo, a plastic surgeon at the Casa Sollievo had a brain hemorrhage while in Milan, and the doctors wanted to operate.

He asked to call Padre Pio first. "Tell them to operate on their own brain. Get out at once."

His wife picked him up by car, while his colleagues were nervously observing. A week later he was back on duty in San Giovanni Rotondo.

The evening of January 20th, 1936, Dr Guglielmo Sanguinetti, was talking to Padre Pio in his cell.

Suddenly Padre Pio took to his knees and urged them to pray “for a soul that is soon to appear before the tribunal of God.”

Afterwards Padre Pio said: “Do you know for whom you prayed? It was for the King of England.”

Around midnight padre Pio went to the room of Padre Aurelio: "Let's pray for a soul which at this moment is about to appear at the tribunal of God.”

The next day the newspapers announced the death of King George V.

reading

"Tell me your sins." 'I'm not prepared. I'd better leave and come back when I'm ready.' Back to confession three years later. "You took three yars to prepare!"

healing

Frank Tenaglia of Philadelphia was born in 1965 with severe neurological brain malformations. His parent went to Padre Pio:

"Don't worry about little Francis. He will be fine and I will always look after him".

Frank became a opera tenor, performing with mayor orchestras.

healing, reading

A woman from Pesaro, the wife of a workman, brought her deaf and dumb daughter to Padre Pio. He cured her instantly.

In an outburst of gratitude the woman took a gold chain from the child's neck, the only object of value that she owned, and gave it to Padre Pio for the Virgin.

When she reached home she told everything to her husband who flew into a rage at the offering she had made to the Father:

he said that she should have chosen some other article rather than the gift that he himself had made to his daughter.

The next morning they found the chain on the bed table.

reading

On February 1958 Laurino Costa sent a telegram to Padre Pio: "Pray for me to find a job."

He receive a telegram right back “Come to San Giovanni Rotondo at once.”

On the 4th he met Padre Pio for the first time: “Laurino, I see you have arrived. You will feed my sick.”

“But Padre,” Laurino protested, “I’ve never cooked an egg in my life.”

Padre Pio insisted: “Go and feed my sick. I’ll always be near you.”

Laurino went to Casa Sollievo and was told: “You must be the experienced cook we’ve been waiting for.” The same day he was preparing meals for 450 people.

Laurino later admitted to Fr. John Schug, capuchin (A Padre Pio Profile): “To this day (14 years later) I still don’t know what happened.

All day long I found myself calmly working and telling others what to do, as though I was carrying out a routine I had been used to.”

bilocation

Prof. Enrico Medi reports that he was driving the narrow road to San Giovanni, thinking that was his daughter's birthday and she was blowing the candles at that time.

He missed a narrow bend of the road, and was about to crash in an incoming car. But the cars stopped few inches from each other.

That afternoon Padre Pio seeing him said: "You blow the candles, and I drive the car."

bilocation

Avv. Mario Gentile reports that he car slid on an icy road, went off street, and was totaled. During the accident he felt like somebody was holding

him firmly on his seat. He was unharmed. Few days later he saw Padre Pio: "Be careful, because the cars can play funny tricks."

bilocation

Padre Carmelo, superior of the convent, decided to have meetings with the group of early spiritual daughters, at the Ventrella's house,

to gather first hand information about the beginning of Padre Pio's ministry in San Giovanni Rotondo.

The first meeting was held on December 14, 1954, on January 10 and 25,1955, and at later dates.

Ten spiritual daughter were present: the Ventrella sisters, the Pompilio sisters, Filomena Fini, Rosinella Gisolfi in Placentino,

Rachele Russo, Rachelina Gisolfi and Nina Campanile. Padre Carmelo testified:

'During the first meeting Rachelina Gisolfi told everybody that Padre Pio was present. Back to the convent I didn't have the courage to ask Padre Pio about it.

During the second meeting Rachelina said again that Padre Pio was there. Back to the convent I took the courage and asked him.

The answer: "Why? You don't want me there? You don't want that I come to those meetings?"

After the third meeting, back to the convent: "Yes I was there."

After another meeting: "How come you don't ask me anymore if I came to the meeting?"

healing

The first ever newspaper article about Padre Pio was published on IL MATTINO of Naples on June 20, 1919:

“Padre Pio, il ‘santo’ di San Giovanni Rotondo, opera un miracolo sulla persona del Cancelliere del paese. Presente un nostro inviato.'

'Padre Pio, 'the saint' of San Giovanni Rotondo, performs a miracle on the local courthouse's chancelor. Our envoy was present.'

The journalist Renato Trevisani reported that Padre Pio saw the 35 years old Pasquale Di Chiara walking painfully with two canes.

Padre Pio : "Throw away those canes." 'How could I? I will fall to the ground.' "Throw away those canes."

Pasquale let the canes go while trying to reach for a support. But there was no need. He was standing normally.

"Man of little faith. Go and walk."

Renato Trevisani concluded that several people were present, and all of them clapped their hands in admiration.

A finger food bio of Padre Pio (bocconcini).

1	Padre Pio child in Pietrelcina; Novice; Priest; Soldier; fevers;
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4	Restrictions; last years; death; Blessed; Saint.
5	The Mass with Padre Pio;
6	Padre Pio about himself, humour, suffering, God, Jesus, life, virtues, devil and temptation, Guardian Angel, prayer, pray spiritual children; prodigies.
7	The new church and the crypt were Padre Pio now rests. First class relics of Padre Pio

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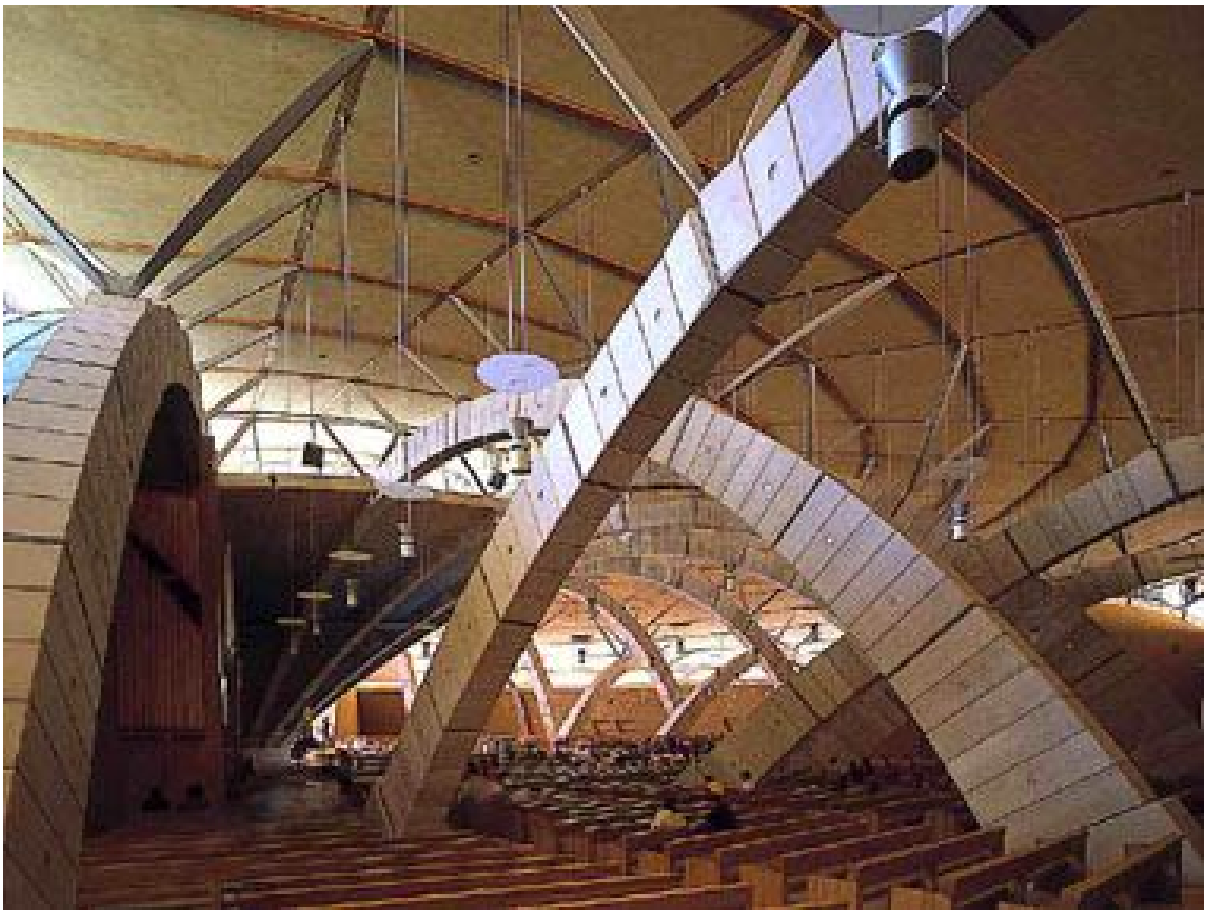
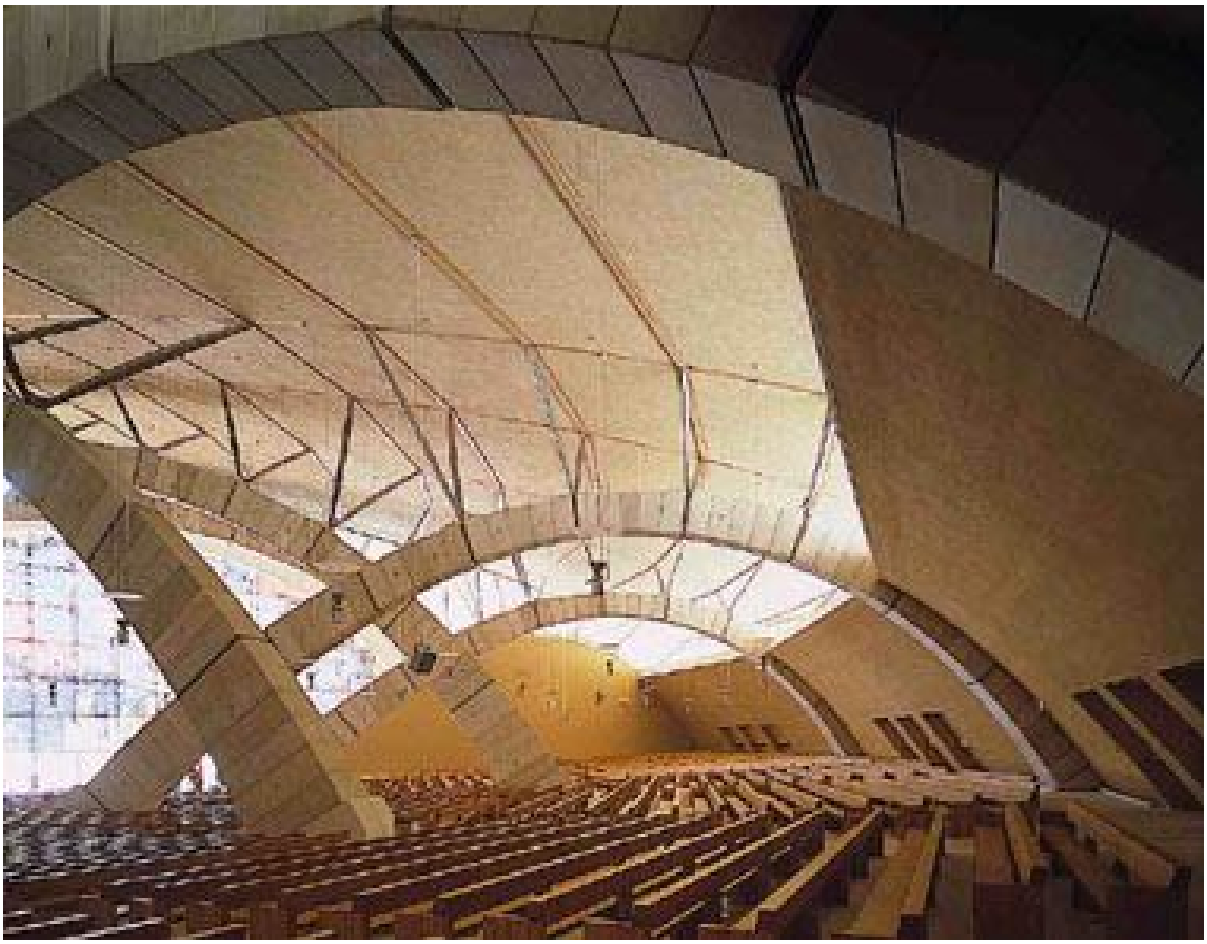
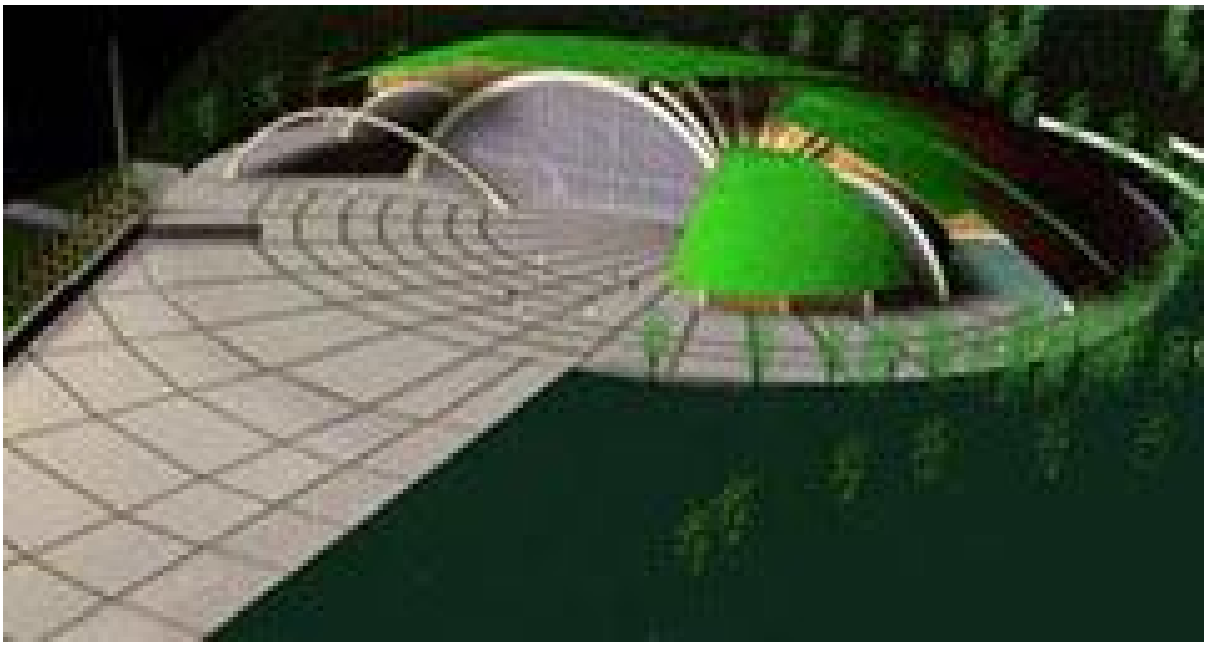
The new spectacular church and golden crypt were Padre Pio rests in the peace of the Lord.

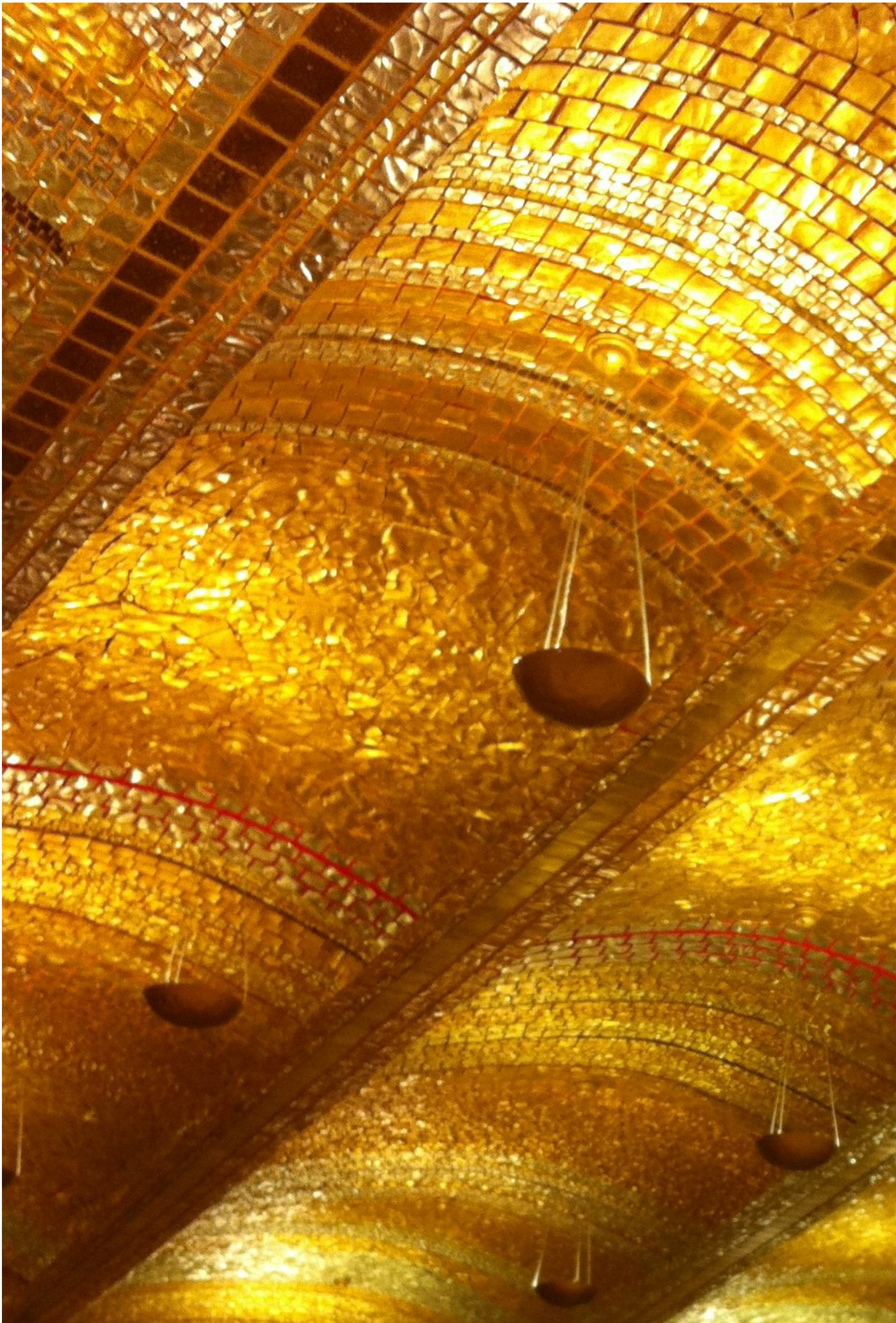
In 2004 there was the grand opening of the new church near the convent of Padre Pio in San Giovanni Rotondo designed by the architect Renzo Piano.







The golden Crypt



The ceiling

I am the Life

The sarcophagi of Padre Pio seen though an opening in the main pillar

The two Seraphic Angels with the wounds.

IN OCCASIONE DELLA
SUA SANTITÀ PAPA
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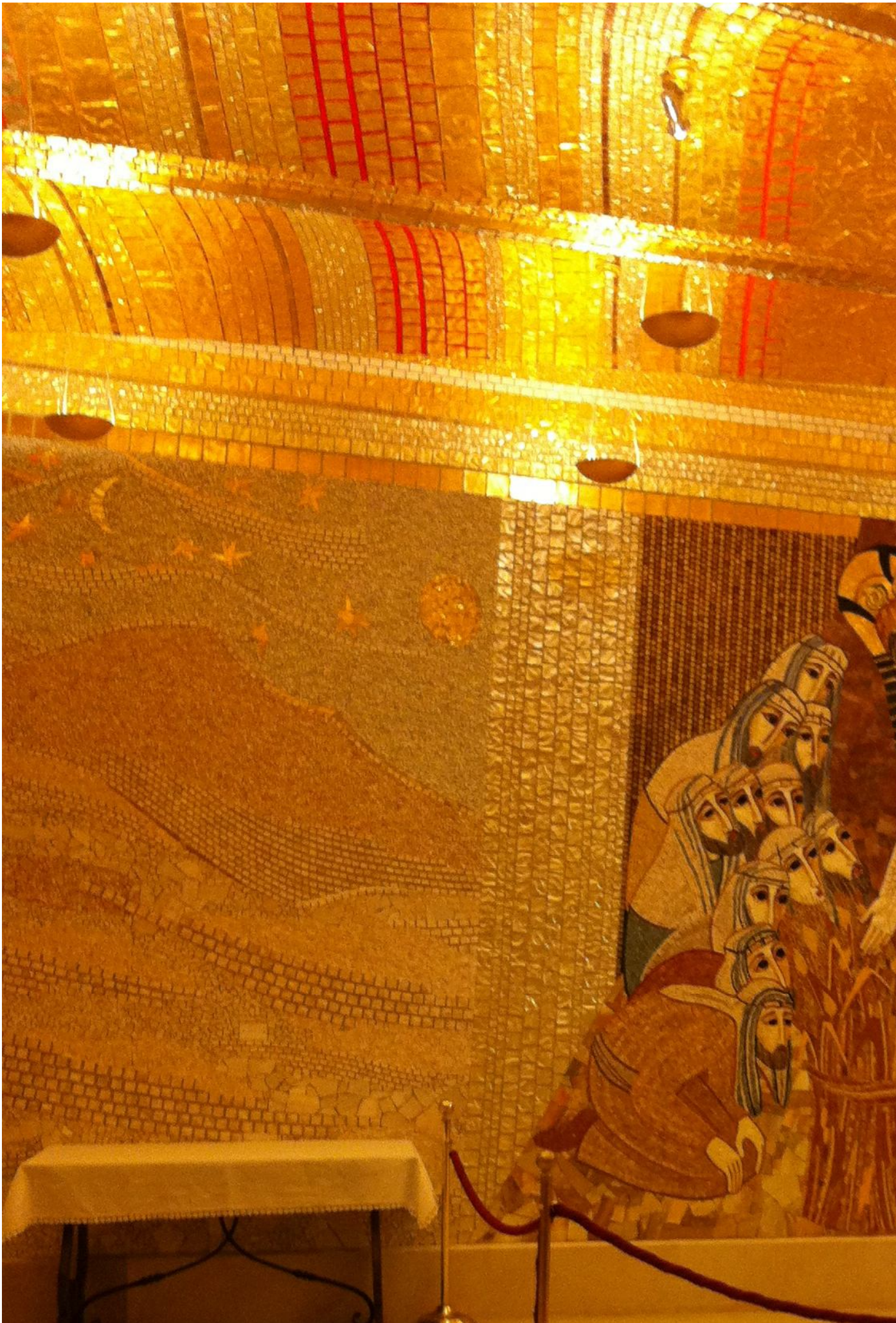
The three young men in the furnace



Joseph and his brothers in Egypt

Tomb of Padre Pio in the main pillar of the church

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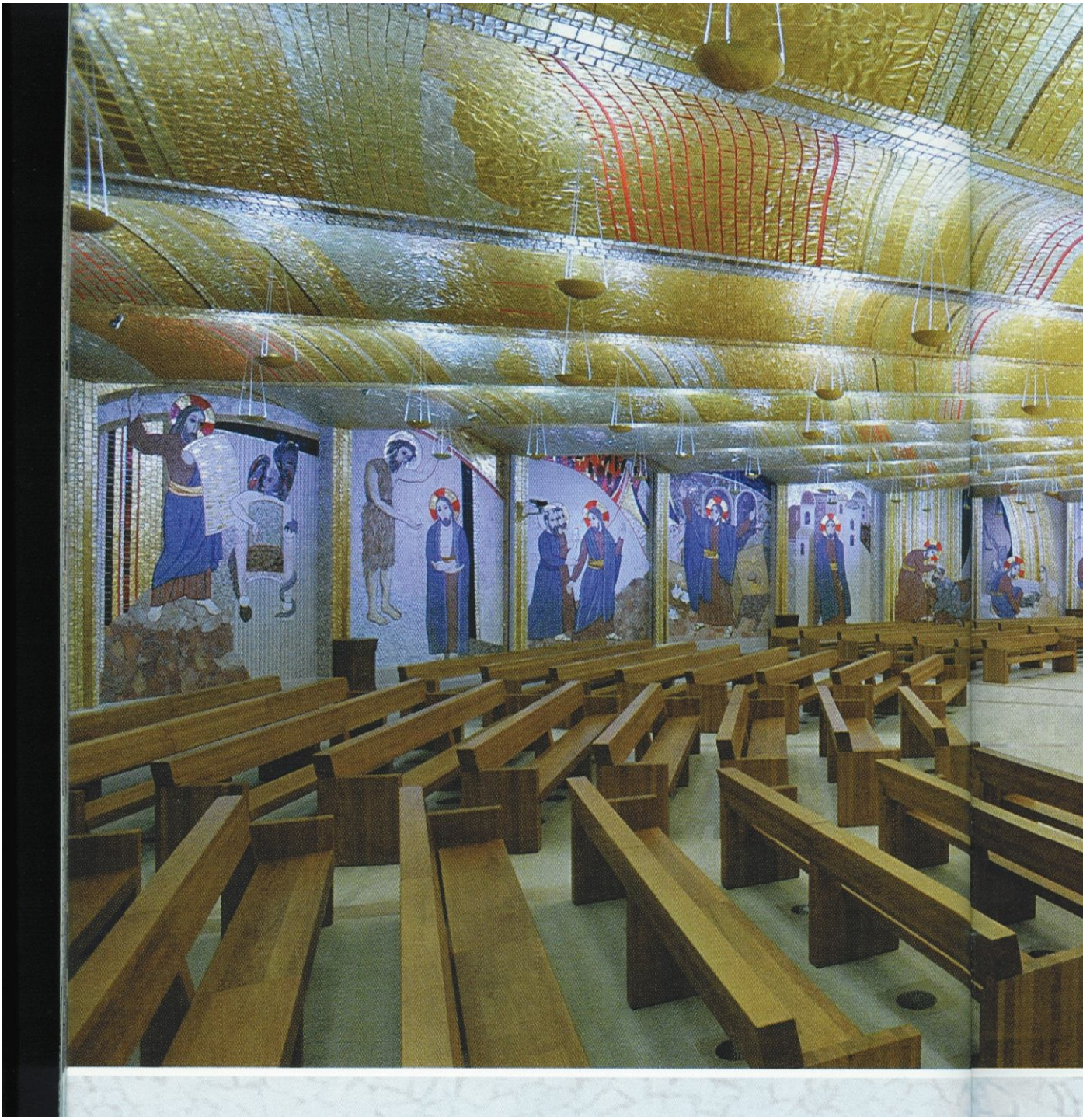
Crucifix

The Annunciation



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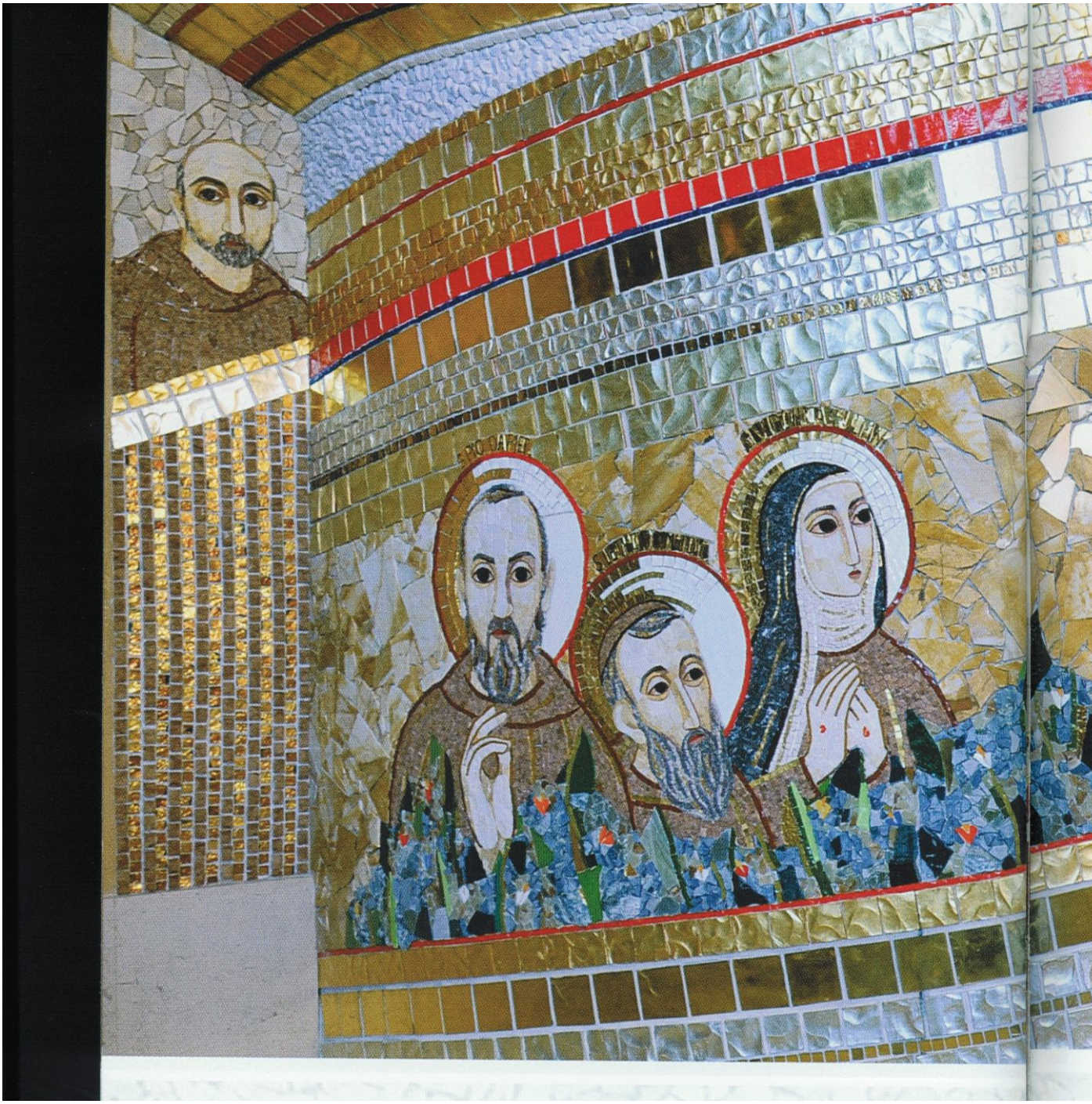

The Capuchin Franciscan Saints

Mosaics of Padre Pio, Jesus, and Saint Francis

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The relics were examined and authenticated, with photo certificate, on June 24, 2011 in San Giovanni Rotondo by

Father Carlo Maria Laborde, current superior (guardiano) of the Convento Santuario Santa Maria delle Grazie, were Padre Pio's remains rest.

Padre Pio used to cover the side wound, on the left side of the chest with cloths that were periodically removed and mostly burned after use.

This cloth was used on February 7, 1956. It bears several stains of blood.

Pannolino di P

Fazzoletto di P. Pio 4-2-1916

Pannolino di P

Questo e' un autentico Pa

ferita del costato il 7 Febl

This is an authentic cloth

wound on February 7, 19

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Amish and purifier used by Padre Pio on 21 and 22 of February 1956.

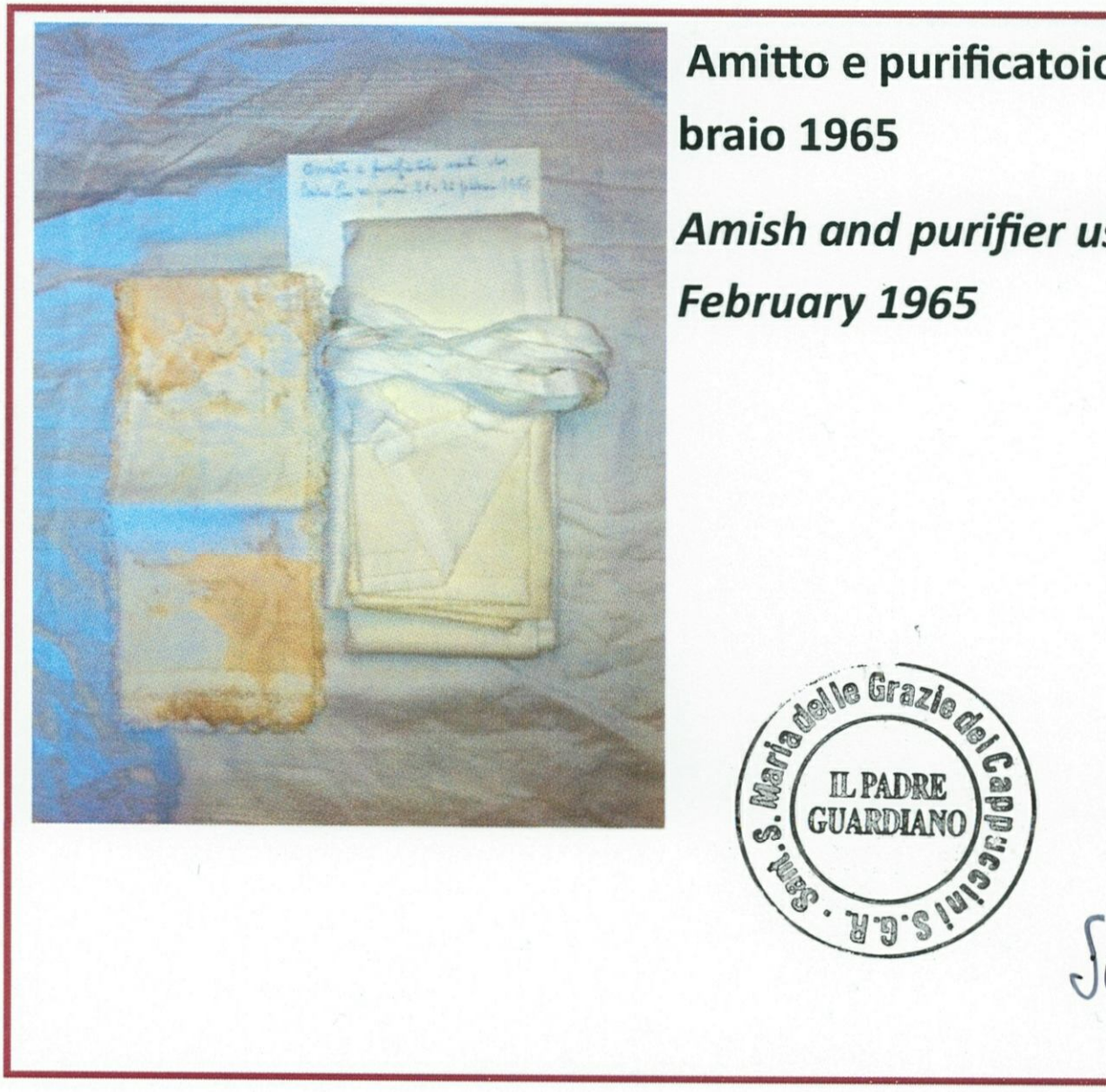
The amish and purifier are part of the vestments for Mass.

The amish is a large white square of fabric the was worn over the shoulders and around th neck.

The purifier is used to clean the calyx after the communion, towards the end of Mass.

This purifier bears marked stains of Padre Pio's blood, because before ending the Mass he used to put back on the half gloves

and at that time drops of blood would fall on the purifier, and clots of blood would fall on the corporal.



These cloths of blood were collected from the corporal after Padre Pio celebrated Mass on September 28, 1965.

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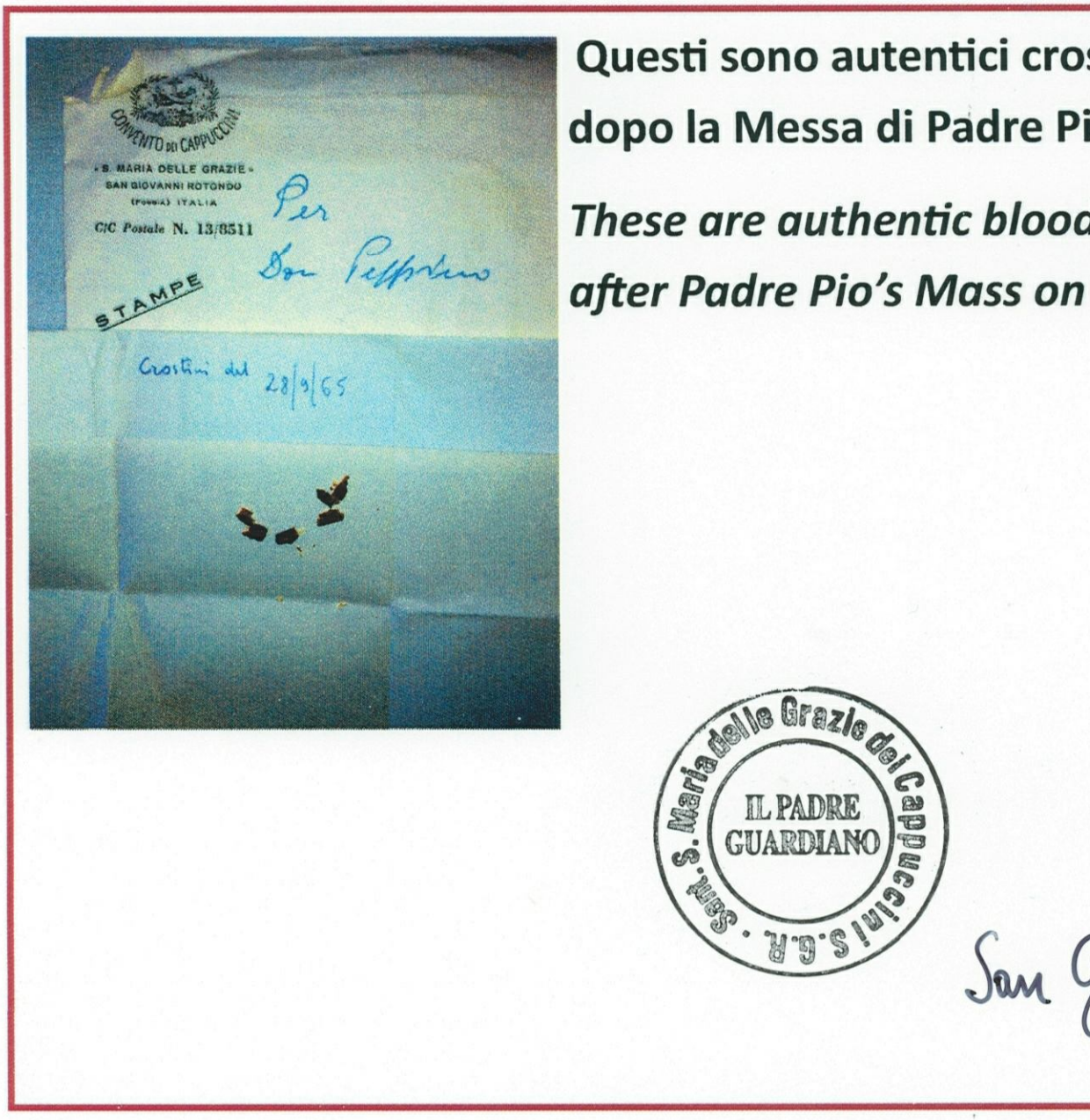

Padre Pio had an haircut on September 28, 1965.

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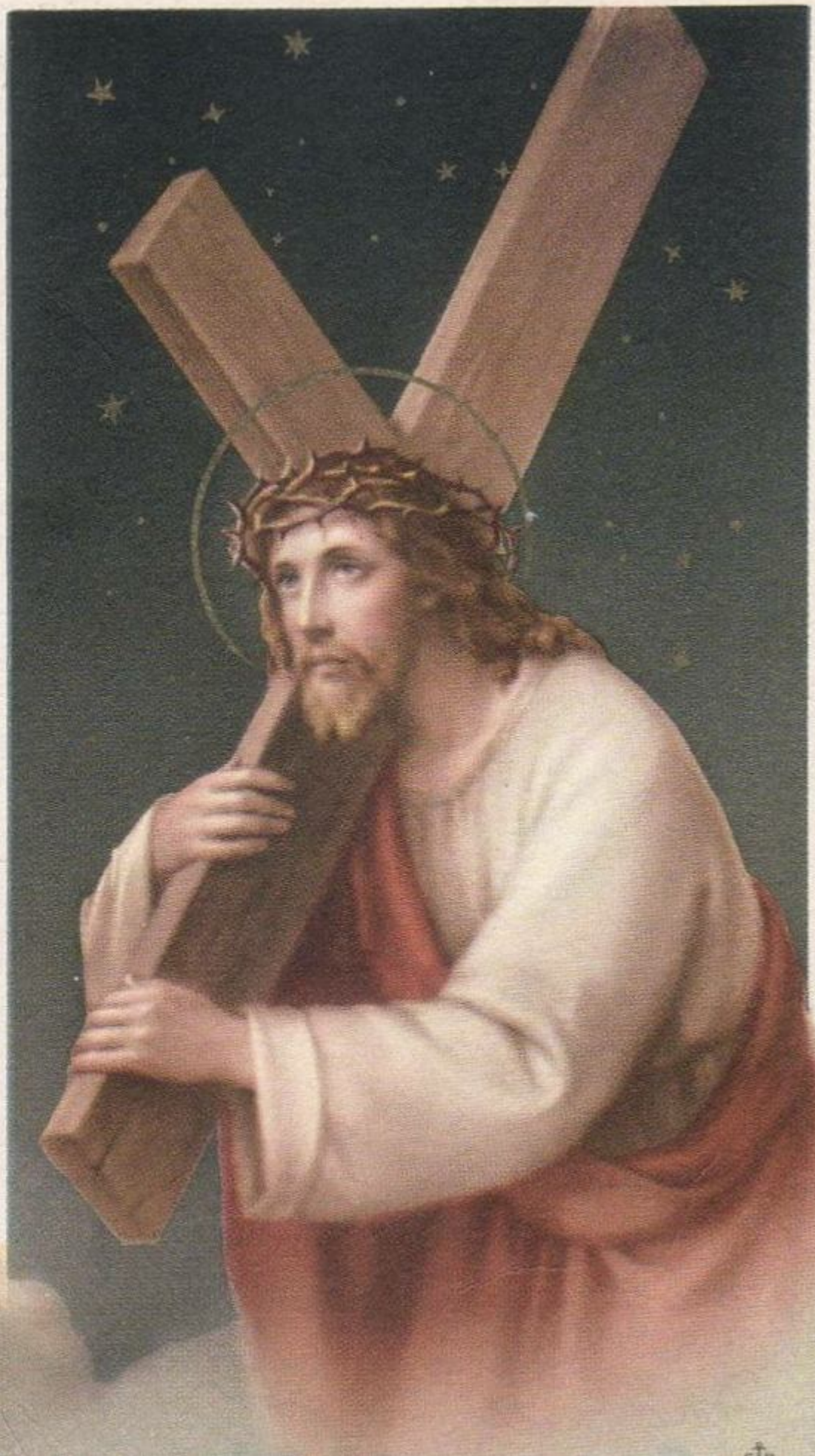
Some of the hair was collected and put in an envelope with the marking of the convent.

Padre Pio having an haircut

Padre Pio used to write inspirational words on prayer cards and give them to his spiritual children.

Here are three prayer cards with Padre Pio's handwriting.



Jesus carrying the Cross.

Handwriting by Padre Pio on October 28, 1957

Sei in Ti sia
sempre
[illegible]
nella tua
[illegible]

P. Pio

"Gesu' ti sia scolpito sempre nella tua mente. P. Pio Cappuccino"

"May Jesus always be etched in your mind. P.Pio Capuchin."

Mary Immaculate.

Handwriting by Padre Pio on November 28, 1956

Maria
di Giacomo
Sanchez
con recapito
Montecit
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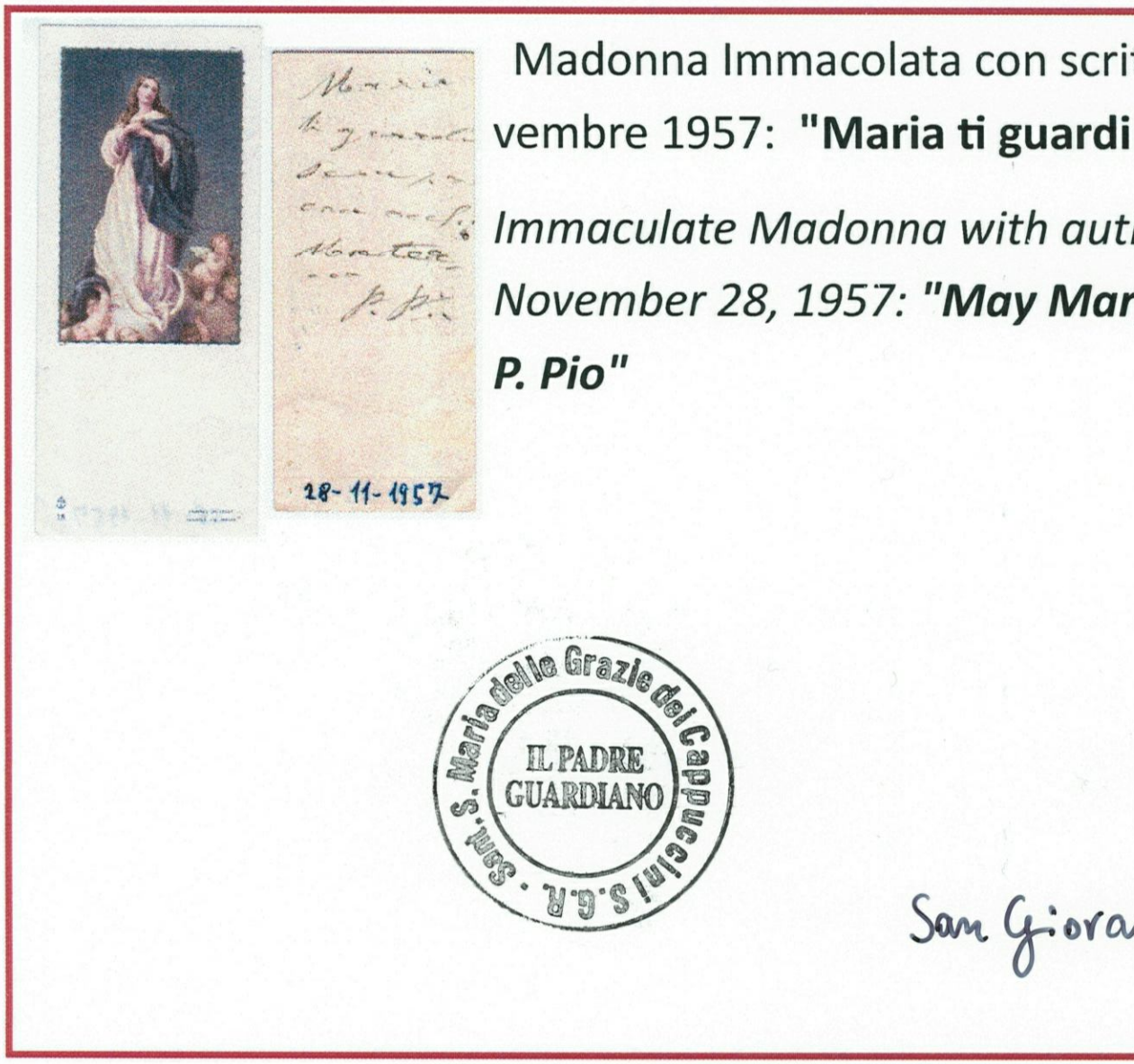
P. [illegible]

"Maria ti guardi sempre con occhio materno. P. Pio"

"May Mary gaze upon you with maternal eye. P. Pio"



Consoled Virgin.

Maria e come le
Tua
mai

SS. VERGINE CONSOLATA,
PREGATE PER NOI

(SANTUARIO DELLA CONSOLATA, TORINO)

Handwriting by Padre Pio on October 19, 1957

"Maria non ritiri mai da te il suo sguardo materno. P. Pio"

"May Mary never withdraw from you her maternal sight. P. Pio"

Immaginetta della Vergine C
dre Pio il 19 ottobre 1957: **"M**
sguardo materno. P. Pio"

Consoled Virgin" prayer card
Pio on October 19, 1957: ***"Ma***
her maternal sight. P. Pio"

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Authentication

Father Labrode examining the relics on June 24, 2011

Father Labrode gives the certificates of authentication.

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